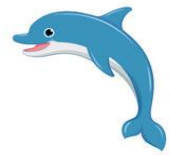


Dolphin Class

Reception, Year 1 & 2



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to both families who are returning, and families joining ISP this year! It has been lovely to see 11 new smiley and happy faces in Dolphin Class! We have made a fantastic start to the new school year, making lots of beautiful artwork to display in the classroom and around the school. I am very much looking forward to getting to know your children more as they embark upon an exciting new school year!

P.E

Dolphin Class will be participating in 2 P.E sessions every week. Please ensure that their clothing and P.E kit are clearly marked with their name to avoid confusion. P.E kits will be sent home at the end of every half term to be washed. They do not need to be brought in every day. It is important to ensure that earrings are removed on these days (Thursday & Friday).

Big Maths

On a Friday morning, Year 1 children will continue to answer Big Maths questions and a copy of the tests will be sent home with the children to practice at home. Starting in the Spring Term, Reception children will also participate in Big Maths tests and I will provide further details of this at the time.



Show & Tell

Due to the large increase of numbers this year, I have grouped the children into 3 different days to allow enough time for everyone to share something if they wish. Please ensure they only bring in 1 item. Show & tell is a great way to build on confidence and develop speech whilst sharing something special with their new friends.

Curriculum

Dolphin Class will continue to learn through the creative curriculum in place through a mixture of child-initiated play and adult-structured activities. This term, our topic will be 'Traditional Tales'. We will be focusing on a new book every 2 weeks and the children will be engaging in a variety of Literacy, Maths and Topic work linking with the fairy tale. Soon, we will be opening the doors to this terms role-play area- 'Grandma's house'. I am sure the children will have great fun taking on the roles of Grandma, Little Red Riding Hood, the Woodcutter and The Big Bad Wolf!



Reward System

This year, we will be continuing to use our online behaviour system- 'Class Dojo'. I am also sending home your login details which will allow you to access your child's individual page. This system allows the children to gain points for the following reasons: -

- Being kind
- Challenging themselves
- Excellent listening
- Excellent tidying
- Helping others
- Bringing homework on time
- Reading at home
- Using Manners
- Teamwork

Once they reach a multiple of 10 dojo points, they will get a prize! Prizes include pencils, rubbers, rulers, notepads etc.

Equipment

Your child should only bring in 1 bag (either school book bag or a backpack) containing everything they need for the school day.

Milk

Children under 5 will carry on receiving free milk daily. If your child is in Year 1 and you would like them to continue receiving milk, please send the correct money in a named envelope so I know how much milk to order.

Half term = £3.50

Full term = £7.00



Tuck Shop/Water Bottles

The children will continue to have the opportunity to purchase a small snack for 10-20p at break times. However, fruit will be available daily for all the children to enjoy. Water bottles can be filled up in school and will be sent home on a Friday to be washed at home and brought back into school on a Monday.

** Hot dinners are free for all children in Dolphin Class (Reception-Year 2). They are healthy and delicious and made on-site by our wonderful cook, Mrs Buckingham! **

Homework and Home School Books

All children in Reception will receive a home challenge every 2 weeks based on the book we are focusing on. In the week's in-between, they will receive homework with a Literacy/Maths focus. In the same book, they will have an overview of the week so you can see what we have been up to! Children in Year 1 will be set homework relating to their spellings for that week. Spelling books will be sent home to allow children to practise for their daily spelling tests.

Thank-you - Miss Jackson

If you have any questions you would like to ask me now or throughout the Autumn Term, please do not hesitate to contact me at sjackson@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk