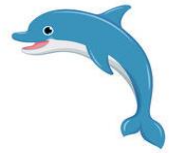


Dolphin Class

Nursery & Reception



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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the Summer holiday despite the current circumstances. It has been lovely to see lots of new, happy and excited faces in Dolphin Class! We have been busy making beautiful artwork to display in the classroom and around the school this week. The children have enjoyed making new friends and sharing their news from the holidays! Myself, Miss Sanderson and Miss MacDonald are so pleased to welcome so many new families to ISP and are all looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

P.E

Dolphin Class will be participating in 2 PE sessions each 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 week** to be washed, they do not need to be brought in every day. It is important to ensure that earrings are removed on this day (Tuesday).

Show & Tell

All of the children in Dolphin Class have been grouped into 5 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. If it is not your child's show & tell day, please encourage them to leave their toys at home as they can be distracting and it causes lots of tears if they are damaged/lost.

Equipment

Your child should only bring in **1 bag** (either school book bag or a backpack large enough for a reading folder) containing everything they need for the school day. I will be sending reading folders home on Monday 7th September. Their reading folder should consist of their reading record, reading book and name practice card and whiteboard pen. Please encourage your child to practice writing their name as much as possible. It is very important that the children bring their reading folder to school **every day** so that their book can be changed and any communication is sent home for every child.

Curriculum

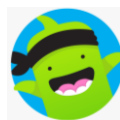
Dolphin Class will continue to learn through the creative curriculum in place through a mixture of child-initiated play and adult-structured activities. This term, our topic will be 'Under the Sea'. We will be focusing on a new book every 2 weeks and the children will be engaging in a variety of Literacy, Maths and Topic work linking with the book. This term, the children have an exciting new market role play in their classroom where I am sure they will enjoy using their fantastic imaginations during continuous provision opportunities!



Reward System

This year, we will be continuing to use our online behaviour system- 'Class Dojo'. For new starters, we now have 100% of parents connected to their child's account which is fantastic! Keep a look out for photos of what we have been up to in Dolphin Class throughout the year! The following are just some of the ways the children can gain dojo points: -

- Being kind
- Challenging themselves
- Excellent listening
- Super tidying
- Completing homework
- Reading at home



Once they reach a multiple of 20 dojo points, they will get a prize! Prizes include pencils, rubbers, rulers, bracelets etc.

Once your child reaches 100 dojo points, they will receive a special prize and certificate presented to them in our praise assembly at the end of each half term.

Enrichment Trip

During the Autumn Term, each class will have the opportunity to attend a short local enrichment trip with Fussells Travel. The purpose of these trips will be to promote a positive and healthy wellbeing whilst developing and building relationships with peers and staff. You will receive a letter with further details regarding this in the coming weeks.

Milk

Children under 5 receive milk daily at no cost. If your child turns 5 and you would like them to continue receiving milk, please contact Mrs Doherty in the office to set up a Cool Milk account.



Tuck Shop/Water Bottles

Unfortunately, tuck shop is closed at the moment due to guidance surrounding handling food and mixing class bubbles. 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. It is vital that your child has a water bottle in school as they are unable to use a cup any time other than lunch time.

Tapestry

I will shortly be inviting you to link with your child's account on Tapestry. This is a tool we use to take observations which inform my assessments at various points throughout the year. You are also able to add your own observations of your child at home for me to see!

Homework and Home School Books

Each Friday, all children in Reception will receive a home challenge every 2 weeks full of fun activities. In the weeks in-between, they will receive homework with a Literacy/Maths focus. **Homework will be uploaded to Class Dojo** and can be completed by following the instructions I add on there. In addition to this, I will post an overview of our week for you to read all about what we have been up to in Dolphin Class!

Reading

Your child's reading book will be changed each time they read a full book at home or in school. Please add a comment in their reading record to let us know it has been read and whether they needed a lot/a little support with doing so.

Thank-you – Mrs Kidson

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:
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