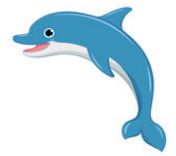


# Dolphin Class

## Nursery, Reception & Year 1



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School  
Autumn Term 2021

### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the Summer holidays and were able to spend quality time with your families. It has been lovely to see lots of 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. Myself, Mrs Britton and Mrs Casey are so pleased to welcome some new families to ISP and are all looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

### Class Structure

As you can see from Class Dojo, we have welcomed Mrs Casey to Dolphin Class this term. She has enjoyed becoming part of the ISP team and getting to know the children this week. I will be teaching Reception & Year 1; Mrs Britton is our Nursery Lead and Mrs Casey will be supporting all 3 year groups.

### P.E

Dolphin Class will participate in a PE session with onside every Tuesday. They will also be taking part in teambuilding and outdoor learning with Mrs Britton every Monday afternoon too. 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 week.

### 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.

### Lunches

Parents can order and pay for their child's lunch on the School Grid website or app weeks in advance. Your child can order lunch in school until 9:30am too.

*\* Hot dinners are free for all children in Reception-Year 1. Lunches for Nursery pupils are chargeable until they enter Reception\**

### 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 based on the story of The Gingerbread Man!

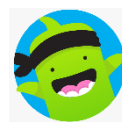


As a class, we will also be holding a topic theme day this school year. These will take place once a term with Shark Class hosting the 1st during Autumn Term! Our theme will be dinosaurs, linked to our Spring topic.

### 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.

### 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 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September for Reception & Year 1. These should consist of a reading record and book, name practice card (R) and whiteboard pen. 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.

### 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

The children will once again have the opportunity to purchase a small snack for 10-20p at break times. Free fruit is always available too. 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

Each Friday, all children in Reception will be set a home challenge full of fun activities. Year 1 pupils will receive homework linked to their weekly spellings. Nursery pupils will also be set a small task linked to the work they have completed in school with Mrs Britton. **Homework will be uploaded to Class Dojo** and can be completed by following the instructions I add on there.

### 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. They will receive a dojo point every time they read at home.

**Thank-you – Mrs Kidson, Mrs Britton & Mrs Casey.**

If you have any questions you would like to ask me now or throughout Autumn Term, please do not hesitate to contact me. [skidson@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:skidson@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk)