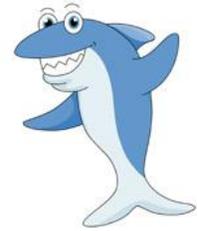


Shark Class

Year 4, 5 & 6

Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Autumn 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all managed to have a relaxing break over the summer despite the different circumstances. It seemed to go very quick despite the fact we had been off for so long before! I am pleased to say all of the children have settled in well and are enjoying getting back into our new and adapted school and classroom routines. We are really looking forward to this year with Year 4, 5 and 6 with 21 fantastic pupils! We also have the pleasure of Mrs Price joining us upstairs and Miss Ritchie on her return from maternity leave in October who will provide some booster and intervention sessions.

Class Structure:

This year, Miss Jackson will be teaching Shark Class every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. During these mornings, she will teach Maths, SPaG and English. Across afternoons we will focus on the wider curriculum, our first topic being The Local Area, Science, Art and some French language work. Children new to Shark class will notice an increase in workload due to the expectations of Upper Key Stage 2 however this first half term will be spent settling children back into school and catching up on missed work to ensure children are settled before assessments take place. Shark Class will be taught by Mrs McFarlane for the rest of the week where they will cover: English and Maths in a group approach, Computing, PE, RE and Forest Schools. Golden Time is a new addition to a Friday afternoon which we think will be very popular. PSHE will be covered by both teachers to ensure mental well being is carefully considered in all approaches. Curriculum maps will be available to view on our school website shortly.



Swimming

Swimming at Dalton Leisure Centre will run on Monday mornings beginning 14th September for 10 weeks and costs £26 in total, which you can pay using ParentMail. Children must arrive at school on time and have their swimming kit. Each week, we leave school at 9:20am and arrive back at 10:45am.

Class Dojo

The whole school uses the online system of Class Dojo to provide positive praise to children who model excellent behaviour, work hard and model values. The children independently collect dojo points which contribute to the whole class's points total. The class will receive a reward when they reach their total and individuals will receive a reward once they reach 20. This system can be accessed by parents to view your child's points and class story. We will now use this system for homework.

Uniform

The children look very smart this year in their new uniforms. As always, please ensure that your child/children's clothing kit is clearly labelled to avoid loss and confusion of belongings. Our PE day is Thursday and Swimming will take place on Mondays. Please make sure earrings are removed on these days. Due to the outside curriculum work on a Friday afternoon and possibly on other afternoons we recommend children have a change of shoes in school, possibly wellies to avoid wet feet or damage to new school shoes. PE kits will be sent home each Friday for washing at home and returned each Monday.

Monitor Jobs

The Year 6 children in Shark class have been given extra responsibility this year with responsible jobs in the classroom and around school. Year 4 and 5 will also be given some responsibility as we settle more into the new school year.

Homework

The children in Shark class will receive Maths and English homework every Wednesday via Class Dojo to be completed by the following Monday. By setting homework online this will decrease the amount of paper being transferred between home and school and regular marking and feedback is visible to children and parents. With an increased focus on spelling and learning the rules, spelling tests will take place every Monday. They will also receive new spellings on Wednesday and will be expected to regularly use Times Table Rock Stars at home to improve their timetables. Log Ins will be distributed to children who need them across the next week. SATs Companion will also be used by Year 6 children with Year 5 also being provided with a log in. In the Spring term, homework will increase for Year 6 in preparation for SATs.

Home School Folders

All the children will bring a plastic folder home every night. This folder contains the children's reading book, and record book. We encourage children to read at home wherever possible to maintain the progress that is made in school. Children will be awarded 2 dojo points each time they read at home. A spelling folder will no longer be sent home, these will stay in school and spellings will be shared via Dojo.

Finally...

This term is going to be a little different from previous years however we are confident that as a "class bubble" we can work together effectively to ensure that school once again becomes a positive, happy and enriching experience for us all.

Thank you

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