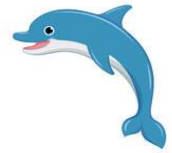


Dolphin Class Reception & Year 1



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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year! I have enjoyed hearing all about what the children have been up to over the holidays. A huge thank you for the lovely gifts and cards I received, they are very much appreciated. I am pleased to say, the children settled in well during Autumn Term and are enjoying getting back into the school routine.

P.E

Dolphin Class will continue to participate in a double PE session. 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 this day (Thursday).

Big Maths

Reception children will now begin to participate in Big Maths tests on a Friday morning. Currently, Year 1 enjoy trying to 'beat the clock' to get as many answers as possible right and I am sure Reception will enjoy the challenge now too!



Show & Tell

There will be no changes to show and tell. The children are welcome to bring one item to share with the class on their specified day. If you are unsure of which day your child can bring an item in, please send me a message on Class Dojo. It is important they only bring toys/books etc. on their day as we can't get through them all in time leaving some children disappointed!

Reward System

This term, we will be continuing to use our online behaviour system- 'Class Dojo'.

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 is 'Superheroes'. 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. The children will also have Science, RE, Topic, Music, PSHE and Spanish lessons! This term, our role-play area is a 'Superhero Headquarters' where the children can become superheroes and engage in reading, writing and Maths opportunities.



Uniform

As always, please make sure that your children's clothing/PE kit is clearly labelled to avoid loss and confusion of belongings. All children must be wearing the correct uniform, including black school shoes.

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. Their reading folder should consist of their reading record, reading book and spelling book (Y1 only). If your child does not bring this daily, letters cannot be guaranteed to be sent home.

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.

Tapestry

All parents of children in Reception and Nursery are able to connect to their child's Tapestry account. This is an online observation and assessment tool used at ISP. Observations can also be made at home in addition to viewing your child's online journal and adding comments. I only need the relevant email addresses to add parents/grandparents etc. so please send me an email if you would like to be linked to your child's account.

Milk

An information leaflet was sent out before the holidays with information regarding our new milk system. This system is now in place, with children under 5 still receiving free milk.



Homework and Home School Books

Each Friday, all children in Reception receive a home challenge every 2 weeks full of fun activities. In the weeks in-between, they receive homework with a Literacy/Maths focus. In addition to this, they have a home school book so you can read all about what we have been up to! Children in Year 1 are set homework linked to their spellings for that week. Please return all homework books by the following Wednesday. Spelling books which were in reading folders before the holidays were updated with all of the spellings we will focus on each week of Spring Term (Y1). If your child's spelling book has not been updated, please send it in ASAP.

Thank-you, Miss Jackson

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