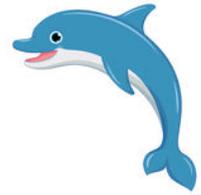


Dolphin Class

Reception, Year 1 & 2



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Summer

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled Easter break! I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and tell you all how excited I am to be teaching your children for the Summer Term. I have spent the last few weeks getting to know the children and their routine to allow the transition to be as smooth as possible for them.

P.E

Dolphin Class will be participating in 2 P.E sessions every week. They will be doing Athletics on a Monday afternoon and Onside Coaching on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that their clothing and P.E kit are clearly marked with their name to avoid confusion. It is important to ensure that earrings are removed on these days.

Big Maths

On a Friday morning, the children will continue to answer the Big Maths questions and a copy of the tests will be sent home with the children to practice at home. I have been informed by Miss Thistlethwaite just how much the children enjoy Big Maths, especially when they beat their best score!



Show & Tell

I have moved show & tell to a Tuesday as I will not be in school on a Monday afternoon. The children will be encouraged to bring in an object or photograph of high significance to them. I am looking forward to learning more about your child and their interests through the things they will be sharing with the rest of the class.

Curriculum

Continuing from the past 2 terms, 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 'Animals'. The children will have an opportunity to learn about animals from a range of habitats including the jungle, sea, zoo, forest, arctic and desert in addition to family pets and farm animals. I have taken pleasure in creating a new and exciting Veterinary Surgery role-play area for the children to explore and enjoy! If your child has any stuffed animals that would like to visit our Vets, I would greatly appreciate it if you could send them in!



Reward System

I have made the decision to change the point system to an online reward system called 'Class Dojo'. This method allows the children to gain points for the following reasons: -

- Great listening
- Helping others
- Staying on task
- Beating their Big Maths score
- Spelling zappers full score
- Super work
- Being a great friend
- Teamwork

I have seen this reward system being used in multiple schools and the children have always reacted extremely positively and strive to gain points any way they can. The children will receive a prize each time they hit a multiple of ten points.

Milk

A quick reminder that children under 5 will carry on receiving free milk daily. If your child is in Year 1/2 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 = £2.50
Full term = £6.00



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. They are healthy and delicious and made on-site by our wonderful cook, Mrs Buckingham! **

Homework

I have taken some time to look through Reception children's home-school books and will be continuing to send them home every Friday with updates on the children's learning. For Year 1 and 2 children, homework will have a Literacy focus and homework books should be returned to school on Monday to be marked.

Thank-you - Miss Jackson

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