



Whale Class

Year 2 & 3



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Autumn Term 2022

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 Whale Class! I am very excited for the new school year with a wonderful new class and classroom! It is lovely to be teaching the children I have taught previously, seeing the great progress they have made and how mature they are all becoming.

Class Structure

As you can see from Class Dojo, Miss Morrison is supporting Whale Class again this year. She has been working extremely hard helping me to create an exciting and welcoming environment for our Year 2 and 3 children. Miss Morrison will not be in Whale Class in the afternoons as she will be leading intervention groups.

P.E

Whale Class will participate in a PE session with onside every Thursday. They will also be taking part in an additional PE session on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that their clothing and P.E kit are clearly marked with their name to avoid confusion. Children will now be **sent home in their PE kit on a Thursday**, to be returned to school by the following Monday.



The Daily Mile

This year, we are participating in The Daily Mile. We will initially complete the mile twice a week (Whales and Sharks). If it proves to be successful, we will increase the amount of days that we take part in this. This will begin next Tuesday (20th) and children must have some trainers in school with them to change into. This is essential to support ankles and to deal with the surface.

Curriculum

Whale Class pupils have proven to be very hard workers so far; I am really looking forward to seeing them develop and progress throughout this school year!

Maths

We will now be following the White Rose scheme of learning in Maths. This scheme will allow full Maths coverage and will provide clarity for children in mixed aged groups, allowing each child to access a good range of fluency, problem solving and reasoning lessons weekly. I have also introduced 'Mental Maths Monday!' where we will be developing this skill through Big Maths Learn Its and Times Tables Rock Stars!

English

We will continue to follow the Talk for Writing programme for English. Alongside this, we will have a weekly SPaG and Reading Comprehension/Guided Reading session too. The children will have opportunities to practice their weekly spellings in school.

In the mornings, we will have a daily Phonics session (Read, Write Inc.) with some pupils moving on to spelling/handwriting practice with Miss Morrison during this session.

Topic

This term, our topic is *Dragons* and the children will explore this through a range of Literature. We will be focusing on a new book every 2 weeks in addition to non-fiction texts and poems. Children will have the opportunity to explore this exciting topic through a variety of different methods including art & craft, scientific investigation, drama, music, writing, outdoor learning, PE and much more!



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 *Africa*, linked to our Spring topic.

Wider Curriculum

Children will continue to participate in weekly RE, PSHE, Topic, Science, Music, French, Computing, Art and Makaton.

Learning at Home

As you will be aware, it is vital for children to continue their learning at home. This can be done in a variety of ways:

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Class Dojo in the form of a grid, similar to last year. This 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 home-school 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.

Spelling

Pupils in Year 2 and 3 are expected to be able to read and write a specific list of spellings by the end of their school year. These have been compiled into weekly lists which will be stuck into their home-school record. These should be practiced at home a minimum of 3 times a week in preparation for their spelling test every Friday.

Mental Maths

Big Maths home practice laminated sheets have been sent home in reading folders with all necessary information. I will also stick the children's individual Times Tables Rock Stars login details in the front of their home-school record.

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 Year 2 – they are delicious and made on-site by Mrs Buckingham! **

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.



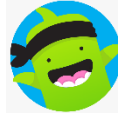
Milk

If you would like your child to continue receiving milk daily, please contact Mrs Appleby in the office to set up a Cool Milk account. Information leaflets about this were sent home last week for the children who asked for one.

Reward System

This year, we will be continuing to use our online behaviour system- 'Class Dojo'. Keep a look out for photos of what we have been up to in Whale Class throughout the year! The following are just some of the ways the children can gain dojo points: -

- Being kind
- Challenging themselves
- Excellent listening
- Secret Cleaner!
- 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.

If your child reaches 100, 200 or even 300 dojo points, they will receive a special certificate in our Praise Collective Worship on a Friday!

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. We have already sent reading folders home for all pupils which include a copy of their Big Maths test and pen for practicing at home. We need to assess the children's current reading ability before sending home appropriate books early next week. 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.

Show & Tell

All of the children in Whale 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**. 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 upset if they are damaged/lost.

School Parliament Representatives 2022-23



Olivia Clark - Year 2



Oscar Wilkes – Year 3

Worship Council Representative 2022-23



Sophia Stokes

As always, thank you for your kind messages of support and appreciation – we are grateful for you all ♥

Mrs Kidson & Miss Morrison

Whale Class Team

If you have any questions you would like to ask us now or throughout Autumn Term, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Our Prayer

Dear God,

We hope to make new friendships and support each other throughout our time in Whale Class.

Amen