



Whale Class

Year 3 and 4



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School

Autumn

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope that you have all had a wonderful and relaxing break. The children have been keen to share their holiday news and it seems like it has been a fun-packed, eventful summer. I am very excited to be beginning what I am sure will be another busy and exciting Autumn term in Whale Class!

Weekly Class Structure

This year, the class structure in Whale Class will be:

Monday-Friday (am): Year 2, 3 & 4- Mrs Saunders and Miss Johnson

Monday-Wednesday (pm): Year 3,4,5 & 6- Mrs Saunders, Miss Ritchie & Mrs Britton

Thursday & Friday (pm): Year 3,4,5 & 6- Miss Ritchie, Mr Heywood & Mrs Britton

Curriculum

This year we are continuing with our creative, topic based curriculum. This means all subjects have the theme of our class topic, which will be The Tudors in the Autumn Term. We will be learning about Tudor Kings and Queens, famous explorers, the Spanish Armada and what everyday life was like in the Tudor Era, including food, jobs and music. We will be hoping to make the topic really come to life through upcoming school trips and even a Tudor Banquet at the end of term- Keep an eye out for more details soon!

I check my emails daily so if you have any queries or questions throughout the year, then please contact me via email at esaunders@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk

Home School Folders

Continuing with the routine from last year, the children will bring a plastic folder home every night. This folder contains the children's reading book, record and any letters that have been handed out. Please send in Reading Records on a daily basis so that we can record any scores or reading that has taken place in school.

Reading

We encourage children to read at home wherever possible to maintain the progress that is made in school. When you have listened to your child read, please record this in their record book as these are checked daily so that books can be changed when required. In addition to reading at home, children will also participate in weekly class reading and guided reading sessions. Where children have read at home and had their record updated (either by themselves or an adult), we are awarding Class dojos.

Class Dojo

The whole school is now using the online system of class Dojo to provide positive praise to children who model excellent behaviour. 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. This system can be accessed by parents. If you need a reminder of how to access this, please email or catch me at the end of the day.

Water Bottles

We encourage all children to bring in a water bottle. Please note that children are only permitted to drink water in school, and have regular access to water to fill up their bottles throughout the day.

PE

PE sessions take place on Thursday and Fridays and will be led by the school's PE coach, Tom Heywood. Please ensure that children have a clearly labelled PE kit in school and that earrings are removed on these days.

Homework

As usual, in addition to reading, homework will be sent home on Friday and is due in on Wednesday. It is the children's responsibility to take their homework home and hand it in. Any work handed in late will not be marked.

The children will be given alternating Maths and English Homework to be completed each week, and will also be provided with a grid of **voluntary**, topic themed activities to be completed if they wish. Children will also be given an optional project to complete over each holiday. Each Wednesday, children will have a weekly spelling list sent home in their reading record and will be expected to practice these as they will be tested the following Wednesday. All children are still expected to practise times tables at home and are tested in Big Maths and multiplication on Friday mornings.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will begin next week and a letter has been sent out with details of all of the clubs that are available. If you would like your child to attend, please speak to myself or any other member of staff and we will help arrange this.

Water Bottles

As we begin to enter the warmer months, we encourage children to have a water bottle in school and it remains our policy for **water only**. We have a machine where children can fill their bottle with ice cold water. Bottles are sent home on a Friday to be washed.

Finally,

If you have anything that you would like to ask or discuss, please speak to me in person after school or through email. I look forward to an exciting term, working with all families both new and returning in our community!

Mrs E Saunders