



# Whale Class



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School

Autumn 2019

## Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday! Mrs Britton and I are looking forward to an eventful Autumn term ahead, with lots of exciting activities planned across school!

## Welcome

It has been lovely to welcome back our Year 3 children to Whale Class and to welcome many new faces with Elsa joining Year 3 and the Year 2s who have moved up from Dolphin Class. All children have settled well and are working extremely hard!

## Curriculum

Our first topic of the year is "Ancient Egypt" which will allow the children to develop their historical enquiry skills and provide a theme for some exciting writing!

## Homework

Every Friday, children will be set a weekly homework task with an alternating English and Maths focus. Homework should be completed in homework books and handed in the following Wednesday. Work handed in late may not be marked. Children should also try to read, practise their spellings and spend at least 20 minutes on Times Tables Rockstars each day.

## Show and Tell

Each Friday, children in Whale Class may bring one item from home for show and tell if they wish.

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

## Spellings

The children will receive a 10 word spelling list on a Wednesday to practice throughout the week ready to be tested on these the following Wednesday. The word list will be stuck into the children's orange spelling book and sent home. It is also important that the children bring their spelling books into school every Wednesday in order to complete their spelling test and stick in their next word list.

## Reading

The children have all been sent home with a reading book and it is lovely to see that lots of Whale Class have already been reading at home! All children should bring in their reading folder each day, even if they haven't read as this allows us to read with them in school and record information in their reading record.

## Times Tables Rockstars

Last year, the children really enjoyed using Times Tables Rockstars both at home and in school to practise their tables in an engaging way. All children have their login details which can be found in the front of their reading record.

## P.E. Kits

In Whale class, the children will have a P.E. lesson with Onside Sports on a Thursday afternoon and another P.E. lesson through the week. Children should have their named P.E. kit in school to be ready for this. Children should also have a named water bottle in school to remain hydrated during these sessions.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs began this week and details of all of the clubs that are available to your child are on Parent Mail. If you would like your child to attend, clubs will need to be booked through Parent Mail.

## Class Dojo

As in previous terms, we are continuing to use Class Dojo. In addition to awarding points, we also share pictures and documents linked to our activities in school, including weekly spelling lists, homework and letters.

## Wilbur Whale

Since returning to school, the children have been introduced to our class mascot, Wilbur Whale. The children will each have the opportunity to take Wilbur Whale home on Fridays and look after him over the weekend before returning him to school on Monday. The children will be selected based on the effort or kindness that they have shown during the week. It would be wonderful if families could fill in Wilbur's book with writing, pictures or drawings of his adventures with them over the weekend!

## Finally,

I look forward working in partnership with all of the families in Whale class as we embark on a busy and exciting first term of the new school year at ISP. Thankyou as ever, for the support that you continue to give to our school!

*Miss J Wright & Mrs K Britton*