



Whale Class



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Spring

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a very happy New Year! I would like to start my newsletter with a thank you to all the children in Whale Class and their families for the support and effort that they put into last term. It's hard to believe that we are beginning the second term of the school year already, but I am sure that as ever it will be both a busy and exciting one!

Weekly Class Structure

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

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

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

Miss Morrison

After a term volunteering in school, we are very excited to welcome Miss Morrison to ISP. She will be supporting Whale Class in the mornings and we are all very excited for her to be working with our class!

Curriculum

The children really enjoyed immersing themselves in last term's topic of The Tudors and were very enthusiastic historians! This term's creative curriculum topic, Stone Age to Iron Age, will allow us to explore even further into Britain's past. We will be investigating Stone Age life in more depth with a special trip. We will also be studying Buddhism in our RE lessons and will be hoping to explore the Buddhist temple in Ulverston as part of this topic. Keep an eye out for letters with 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 term, 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 and send home new books.

Reading

We encourage children to read at home wherever possible to maintain the progress that is made in school. We would love for children to record their reading at home even more frequently this term, which will earn them dojos! We would love for children to record everything that they read- it doesn't just have to be reading books!

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

Please ensure sure that your child brings a plastic water bottle into school that is clearly labelled with their name- this will allow children to access their drink throughout the day when they are thirsty! It remains our policy to have water only to drink in school and water bottles will be sent home to be washed on Fridays.

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.

Swimming

The children have already enjoyed their first swimming lesson of the term. Lessons will continue to take place on Monday mornings for the next 9 weeks, up until the Easter Holiday, Children will need to bring their swimming costume, towels and goggles (if they have them) with them to school on Monday.

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.. 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. New spelling lists will also be posted on our class story on Class Dojo. All children are still expected to practise times tables at home and are tested in Big Maths and multiplication on Friday mornings. All scores will be sent home in reading folders on the day of the test.

After School Clubs

After school clubs began this 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.

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 another busy and exciting term with all at ISP!

Mrs E Saunders