



# Whale Class

## Year 3 and 4



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School  
Summer

### **Dear Parents,**

Welcome back! I hope that everyone has had a great Easter holiday and is energised, ready for the new term. The school year has flown by and I can't believe that we are starting the summer term already. I am sure it will be just as busy and fun-packed as the last two have been! It will be great to get started!

### Weekly Class Structure

The weekly structure has changed slightly this term as I will be teaching full time at school. I will teach Whale Class every morning and in the afternoon, Shark Class will be join Whale Class and both groups will be taught by myself. Additionally, Miss Ritchie will continue to support KS2 full time. As in previous terms, there are 12 children in Whale class.

### Curriculum

This year we are continuing with our creative, topic based curriculum. Our topic for Summer Term is Ancient Egypt. This topic will involve the children using their historical enquiry skills as well as an arts based approach to find out about many elements of Ancient Egypt such as, Pharaohs, pyramids, daily life, Egyptologists, Mummification, Egyptian Gods and Mythology. These topics will be studied across the curriculum and will be incorporated into English, Art, Music and D&T lessons.

**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](mailto:esaunders@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk)**

### Home School Folders

Continuing with the routine from last term which worked well, 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. Where children have read at home and had their record updated, we are awarding marbles, when we fill the jar, the class will be allowed a treat. If you would like to volunteer to listen to readers, or assist in any other way in school, this would be greatly appreciated, please contact me either in person or via email.

### Furness Voices

This term, the children in Whale and Shark Class will start practising their singing as we will be taking part in Furness Voices, a concert with Primary children from the local area which will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May at Forum 28 in Barrow. Watch out for more details soon!

### PE

PE sessions take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This term we will be studying Athletics and Games. Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school and that earrings are removed on these days.

### Education City

In their reading record, children have all been given a login for the Education City website. Children are encouraged to practise English and Maths skills at home on the site whenever they would like

### Homework

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

There is a slight change to the way homework is set this term, children will be given a grid of homework activities themed around our topic of Ancient Egypt. The activities will incorporate a range of English, Maths, Topic and Creative activities. Children will be expected to select and complete at least one activity per week from the grid, however more can be completed if your child wishes. 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 have begun 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.

### 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.

As ever, thank you for the support and encouragement and involvement that all family members show to the school. We really appreciate all you contribute to the school community.

*Mrs E Saunders*