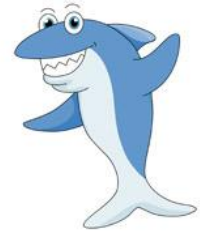




Shark Class

Year 4, 5 & 6

Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Spring 2023



Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and found time to recharge after a busy Autumn Term. The Shark Class team are all excited to welcome back the children for Spring term and are looking forward to the many exciting activities and experience that will take place over the course of the term ahead, such as Family group day, sports events and Young Voices.

Class Structure:

This term, staffing in Shark Class will remain the same as in Autumn Term:

Monday and Tuesday – Mrs Saunders
Wednesday- Friday- Miss Jackson
Classroom support will also be provided by Mrs Alexander (all day) and Miss Shaw (mornings)

The Spring curriculum maps are already uploaded to our class website and will provide you with information about the topics that we will be studying across all subject areas over the course of Spring Term. The website also has lots of other information that you may find useful, such as timetables and information about the learning taking place in class.

Class Topic:

The children have been very excited to hear about this term's class topic- The Victorians. They have already shown lots of enthusiasm; asking questions and and sharing an impressive amount of prior knowledge with the Shark Class team this week. This will be a really interesting topic to explore and we have lots of exciting ideas to bring this topic to life for the children as well as sharing our learning in our Topic day.



Class Dojo

The whole school continues to use Class Dojo to provide positive praise to children who model excellent behaviour, work hard and model values. 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 and individuals will receive a reward once they reach 50. This can be viewed by families at home. We update the Shark class story regularly and use this to share homework and spellings. It is important that this platform is accessed by all parents/carers. Regular updates are posted and the support from home is invaluable to the smooth running of the class and day to day school life. If you need any support in accessing this, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Shark Class team and we will be happy to help. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Uniform and equipment

Please make sure that all children's clothing, PE kits and water bottles are clearly labelled to avoid loss and confusion of belongings. Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. PE kits will be sent home each Friday for washing at home and returned each Monday. Due to the outside activities that may take place on other afternoons we recommend children have a change of shoes or wellies in school to avoid wet feet or damage to school shoes.

Assessment information

In summer term, children in Shark Class will be sitting national assessments to monitor progress in Year 4 and Year 6. Preparations to support the children with these are well underway. The Shark Class Team will be in contact in the coming weeks with information about parent information workshops where we will share the relevant information to allow you to support the children through the assessments. It is likely that your child may also attend extra sessions during the school week to help them practice the skills needed both to progress with their learning and in carrying out their assessments.

Homework

The children in Shark Class will still receive Maths and English homework every Wednesday. This will be sent home in their homework book and should be completed by the following Monday. By setting homework in these books, it is easy to keep track of any sheets needed and regular marking and feedback is visible to children and parents.

Spelling tests will take place every Monday. New spelling lists will be sent home alongside homework on Wednesdays, but the spellings for the whole half term are also available to view on the Shark Class Dojo page. Children will be expected to regularly use Times Table Rock Stars at home to improve their timetables.

Home School Folders

All the children will continue to bring a reading folder home every night. This folder contains the children's reading book, and record book, as well as spelling folders and homework on a Wednesday. We encourage children to read at home wherever possible to maintain the progress that is made in school. It is helpful for parents to continue to record comments in their child's reading record, as per the system throughout school. Children will be awarded 2 dojo points each time they read at home.

Finally...

We are very excited for the term ahead and look forward to sharing all the exciting work taking place. As always, we value working together with the children and families of Shark Class to learn and progress together and value the many ways that you show us support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us and we will be more than happy to help.

Thank you

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