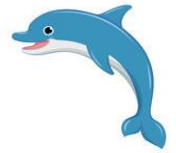


# Dolphin Class

## Nursery, Reception & Year 1



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School  
Spring Term 2022

### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year!

### Class Structure

This term, we have welcomed two new Nursery pupils to Dolphin Class. The children are making them feel very welcome and helping them settle into their new surroundings.

### P.E

Dolphin Class will continue to participate in a PE session with onside every Tuesday afternoon. They will also be taking part in teambuilding and outdoor learning with Mrs Britton every Tuesday afternoon too. Please ensure that their clothing and P.E kit are clearly marked with their name to avoid confusion. P.E kits will be sent home **at the end of every half term** to be washed, they do not need to be brought in every week. Year 1 pupils will continue to take part in their second PE session on a Thursday afternoon with Will, alongside Whale Class.

### Show & Tell

All of the children in Dolphin Class have been grouped into 5 different days to allow enough time for everyone to share something with their classmates. Please ensure they only bring in **1 item**. Show & tell is a great way to build on confidence and develop speech whilst sharing something special with their new friends. If it is not your child's show & tell day, please encourage them to leave their toys at home as they can be distracting and it causes lots of upset if they are damaged/lost. If you are unsure of your child's show & tell day, please get in touch - group lists were shared on Class Dojo in Autumn Term.

### Lunches

Parents can order and pay for their child's lunch on the School Grid website or app weeks in advance. Your child can order lunch in school until 9:30am too.

\* Hot dinners are free for all children in Reception-Year 1. Lunches for Nursery pupils are chargeable until they enter Reception\*

### Curriculum

Dolphin Class will continue to learn through the creative curriculum in place through a mixture of child-initiated play and adult-structured activities. This term, our topic is *Dinosaurs!* For our role-play area this half term, the children have an exciting new 'Dinosaur Museum'. I am sure they will enjoy using their fantastic imaginations to become dinosaur experts during continuous provision opportunities!



As a class, we will also be holding a topic theme day this school year. Our theme day will take place on Wednesday 23rd February! Look out for more Information about this on Class Dojo soon.

### Reward System

This term, we continue to use our online behaviour system - 'Class Dojo'. Once your child reaches a multiple of 20 dojo points, they will get a prize! Prizes include pencils, rubbers, rulers, bracelets etc. When your child reaches 100/200/300 dojo points, they receive a special prize and certificate in assembly! Points are reset at the start of every full term.



### Equipment

Your child should only bring in **1 bag** (either school book bag or a backpack large enough for a reading folder) containing everything they need for the school day. These should consist of their reading record and book, name practice card and whiteboard pen (R) Big Maths practice card (R&Y1) and spelling book (Y1). It is very important that the children bring their reading folder to school **every day** so that their book can be changed.

### Big Maths

Reception children will now begin to participate in Big Maths tests on a Friday morning. Currently, Year 1 enjoy trying to 'beat the clock' to get as many answers as possible right and I am sure Reception will enjoy the challenge now too! I have sent home the practice sheets for your child to work through at home ready for the test each Friday.



### Milk

Children under 5 receive milk daily at no cost. If your child turns 5 and you would like them to continue receiving milk, please contact Mrs Doherty in the office to set up a Cool Milk account.



### Tuck Shop/Water Bottles

The children continue to have the opportunity to purchase a small snack for 10-20p at break times. Free fruit is always available too. Water bottles can be filled up in school and will be **sent home on a Friday** to be washed at home and brought back into school on a Monday. It is vital that your child has a water bottle in school as they are unable to use a cup any time other than lunch time.

### Tapestry

Tapestry is a tool we use to take observations which inform my assessments at various points throughout the year. You are also able to add your own observations of your child at home for us to see! Please contact us to set this up if you have not already done so.

### Homework

Each Friday, all children in Reception will continue to be set a home challenge full of fun activities or a Literacy/Maths task. Year 1 pupils will receive homework linked to their weekly spellings/Maths focus. Nursery pupils will also be set a small task linked to the work they have completed in school with Mrs Britton. **Homework will be uploaded to Class Dojo** and can be completed by following the instructions we add on there.

### Reading

Your child's reading book will be changed each time they read a full book at home or in school. Please add a comment in their reading record to let us know it has been read and whether they needed a lot/a little support with doing so. They will receive a dojo point every time they read at home.

**Thank-you – Mrs Kidson,  
Mrs Britton & Mrs Casey.**

If you have any questions you would like to ask me now or throughout Spring Term, please do not hesitate to contact me. [skidson@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:skidson@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk)