



# Dolphin Class

## Nursery, Reception & Year 1



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

### Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break where you had chance to make wonderful memories and eat lots of chocolate!

### Class Structure

We have welcomed Elijah and Sonny to Dolphin Class this term and the children are so excited to have 2 new friends at ISP!

### P.E/Swimming

Dolphin Class will continue to participate in a PE session with onside every Tuesday afternoon. We are now participating in swimming at Dalton Leisure Centre every Monday morning 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 look on Class Dojo as I posted the updated groupings last week.

### Lunches

You can order and pay for your 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

Our new topic for this term is 'food'! The children are thoroughly enjoying their new 'Tea Shop' role-play area! Throughout this term, the children will be able to explore food from all around the world. They will be given the opportunity to try lots of different, unfamiliar and exciting foods which they may have never tried before. We will also be exploring where different foods come from. We will be focusing on a new food-related book every 2 weeks. Our Talk for Writing lessons will be focused on the current text. We also have an exciting trip planned for this term linked to our topic of Food!



### Reward System

This term, we continue to use our online behaviour system - 'Class Dojo'. The children's points have all been reset to 0 for the new term. 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

Currently, Reception & Year 1 enjoy trying to 'beat the clock' to get as many answers as possible right on their Big Maths tests every Friday. Last term, I sent home some practice sheets for Reception children to work through at home ready for the test each Friday. If you require a new laminated practice sheet, please get in touch.



### 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 if you need support with connecting to your child's account.

### Homework

There has been a slight change to how homework is set this term. Instead of posting individual tasks for each year group via Class Dojo each week, I have uploaded separate homework bingo grids for Reception and Year 1. The aim of these are to make homework suit you and your schedule. This way you can complete 1 or more tasks of your choice with more flexibility depending on available time you have.

### 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 Summer Term, please do not hesitate to contact me. [skidson@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:skidson@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk)