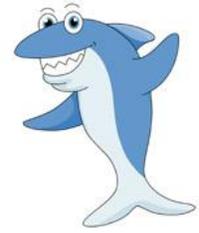


Shark Class

Year 4, 5 & 6

Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Autumn 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all managed to have a relaxing break over the summer and enjoy some fun! It seemed to go very quickly! I am pleased to say all of the children have settled in well and are enjoying getting back into our school and classroom routines. We are really looking forward to this year with Year 4, 5 and 6 with 22 fantastic pupils! We also have the pleasure of Miss Sanderson joining us upstairs and Miss Ritchie who will continue to provide morning support and take responsibility for some Year 6 teaching. Her afternoons will be spent doing support and intervention groups.

Class Structure:

This year, Miss Jackson will be teaching Shark Class every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. During these mornings, she will teach Maths and English. Across afternoons we will focus on the wider curriculum, our first topic being Incredible India, Science, Computing, Art and some French language work. Children new to Shark class will notice an increase in workload due to the expectations of Upper Key Stage 2 however this first half term will be spent settling children back into school and catching up on missed work to ensure children are settled before assessments take place. Shark Class will be taught by Mrs McFarlane for the rest of the week where they will cover: English and Maths, RE, PE, PSHE and Forest Schools. Golden Time will stay as part of a Friday afternoon which we think will be very popular. PSHE will also be covered at various points during the week to ensure mental wellbeing is carefully considered in all approaches. Curriculum maps will be available to view on our school website shortly.



Swimming

Swimming at Dalton Leisure Centre will run on Monday mornings beginning 13th September for 10 weeks and costs £26 in total, which you can pay using ParentMail. Children must arrive at school on time and have their swimming kit. Each week, we leave school at 9:20am and arrive back at 10:45am.

Class Dojo

The whole school uses the online system of 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 system can be accessed by parents to view your child's points and class story. We will update the class story regularly and use this to share homework and spellings.

Uniform

The children look very smart this year in their new uniforms. As always, please make sure that your child/children's clothing/PE kit is clearly labelled to avoid loss and confusion of belongings. Our PE day is Thursday and Swimming will take place on Mondays. Please make sure earrings are removed on these days. It is also essential that long hair is tied back for swimming and if at all possible, a swimming cap worn. Please refrain from sending your child in tights on swimming day, as the colder months return we are happy for these to be put on once we are back at school. Due to the outside curriculum work on a Friday afternoon and possibly on other afternoons we recommend children have a change of shoes in school, possibly wellies to avoid wet feet or damage to new school shoes. PE kits will be sent home each Friday for washing at home and returned each Monday.

Monitor Jobs

The Year 6 children in Shark Class have been given extra responsibility this year with responsible jobs in the classroom and around school. Year 4 and 5 will also be given some responsibility later in the year.

Homework

The children in Shark Class will receive Maths and English homework every Wednesday. This will be sent home in a blue 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. With an increased focus on spelling and learning the rules, spelling tests will take place every Monday. They will also receive new spellings on Wednesday and will be expected to regularly use Times Table Rock Stars at home to improve their timetables. Log-ins will be distributed to children who need them across the next week. CGP Books will also be used by Year 6 children in Autumn 2 to prepare Year 6 for SAT's style questions. As well as individual spelling books, spellings will be shared via Class Dojo – individual amendments may be made but Parents/Carers will be aware of this when this happens.

Home School Folders

All the children will 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 and hopeful for a much more normal school year and look forward to sharing with you all the exciting work we will be doing. As always, 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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