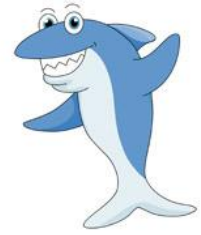




Shark Class

Year 4, 5 & 6

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



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all managed to have a relaxing break over the festive period and some well-deserved family time! It seemed to go very quickly! I am pleased to say all of the children have settled back in well and are enjoying getting to know our new staff members. We are really looking forward to this New Year with our 22 fantastic pupils! We have had some staffing changes which you are aware of including Mrs Alexander joining us as a TA and individual support and Miss Batten as a HLTA and Interventions group lead. Miss Batten will also be actively involved in sport. We are excited about these appointments and look forward to an exciting remaining school year. We had some wonderful highlights to the Autumn term including our swimming block, Yokids, our amazing Incredible India theme day and we all worked fantastically when starting and continuing to use Talk for Writing. We are all so proud of Shark Class!

Class Structure:

This term (until Mrs McFarlane's return), Miss Jackson will be teaching Shark Class every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. During these mornings, she will teach Maths and English. Across afternoons we will focus on the wider curriculum, our second topic being Rainforests, Science, Computing, Art and RE. Languages will be taught by an external specialist teacher from Dowdales. Shark Class will be taught by Miss Batten on a Friday: English and Maths, PSHE and some 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. The Spring curriculum



Class Dojo

The whole school continues to use 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 continue to update the class story regularly and use this to share homework and spellings. It is essential that this platform is accessed by all parents/carers. Regular messages are sent and the support from home is invaluable to the smooth running of the class and day to day school life. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Uniform

The children continue to look very smart 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 days are Tuesday and Thursday. 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.

Parent Workshops

The children in Shark Class will be sitting the expected assessments set by the government to monitor progress in Year 4 and Year 6. Miss Jackson will be holding parent information workshops to share the relevant information to allow you to best support your child/children through the multiplication check or SATs. Please continue to look out for updates on dojo. As Maths Lead she also plans to host some parent workshops on specific skills in calculation to help improve parental knowledge of teaching strategies.

Homework

The children in Shark Class will still 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. 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 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 and hopeful for a much more settled 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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