



Whale Class



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school. All staff in Whale Class are really looking forward to welcoming our lovely class back to ISP for what we are hopeful will be a more typical busy but fun school year. We are excited to see our returning Whale Class pupils and welcome our new Year 1 class members. We have a fun-packed year ahead and are all looking forward to sharing these exciting plans with you!

Class Structure

The adults in Whale Class this year are Mrs Saunders, Miss Wright, Miss Shaw and Miss Morrison. Mrs Saunders and Miss Wright will be working as a job share with responsibility for the whole class. Miss Shaw will be supporting Year 3 with their learning in the mornings and providing interventions in the afternoon. Miss Morrison will be providing 1:1 support to a pupil in Whale Class.

Staff structure in the class is as follows:

- Mrs Saunders**- *Monday/Tuesday all day & Wednesday AM*
- Miss Wright**- *Wednesday PM & Thursday and Friday all day.*
- Miss Shaw**- *Mornings and Monday & Wednesday pm.*
- Miss Morrison**- *Monday – Friday (1:1) & After School Club*

Clubs

Whale Class clubs will take place on the following days:
Board Games- Mrs Saunders- Mondays
Football- Onside- Thursdays.
Clubs cost £1 per session and end at 4:15pm. Please contact Mrs Doherty to book your child into a club.

Labels

Please ensure ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled with their name to ensure children's belongings do not get lost.

Covid-19 changes

Due to many of the Covid-19 restrictions now being lifted, we are excited to be returning to our usual routine. Mask wearing is now optional for all within school grounds and we will no longer be using bubbles in school. Whale Class will now be mixing with the whole school at worship, break and lunch times. Pupils are still encouraged to maintain good hygiene and regularly sanitise their hands using the stations around the school.

Wilbur the Whale

This term, we will be resuming sending home our class mascot, Wilbur Whale. Wilbur gets chosen to accompany a child home for the weekend, he brings a bed time story and a note book for the child to record their adventures with Wilbur which we share with the class.

Homework

This year, homework will be posted as a termly grid on Class Dojo. There are a number of Reading, spelling and maths activities that should be completed on a weekly basis as well as further optional homework linked to our class topic. Children will be provided with a homework book that can be taken home for work to be completed in, or work can be uploaded digitally to your child's portfolio on class dojo.

Class Dojo

Whilst letters will be sent home via Parentmail, please check Class Dojo regularly as we will also post class updates, reminders and information regarding spellings and logins. We can also be contacted via Class Dojo message.

Show and Tell

Children are permitted to bring in one item for show and tell which will take place on a Friday. Each Year group will be invited to bring in their item on a weekly rotation which will be shared by Miss Wright in the very near future. Although Show and Tell items rarely go missing, please ensure that the item they choose is not valuable or irreplaceable.

Curriculum

Our first topic of the year is "Famous for more than 5 minutes!". This topic will be focusing on comparing a range of achievements, inventions and explorations both recent and in the past. We have lots of fun activities planned for the term ahead linked to our topic.

Reading

In Whale Class we ask children to read at home with an adult at least 3 times per week (every day is even better!). Children will be sent home with their reading folders, reading books and records in the second week of term. Reading folders will be checked daily and books will be changed if needed.

Finally,

We have so many ideas for making this year exciting and are already very proud of each and every child in Whale Class. We can't wait for the year ahead.

We check our emails daily so if you have any queries or questions throughout the year, then please contact us via email at esaunders@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk mshaw@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk jwright@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk amorison@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk

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