



Whale Class



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

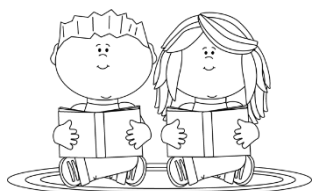
Welcome back! We hope you have all enjoyed the Summer holidays and were able to spend quality time with your families. It is a pleasure to be teaching Year 3 and 4, and I have had a wonderful time getting to know your children. They have been a joy to have this week, and I'm sure we'll have a great year!

Class Structure

Mrs Powley will be remaining in Whale Class this year, and I will be teaching on Monday and Tuesday mornings, with Mr Davis teaching PE on Monday afternoons. Currently, we have Mrs Maltas teaching Tuesday afternoons. I will be teaching all day Wednesday through to Friday.

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. We have already sent reading folders home for all pupils which include a copy of common exception word list for practising at home. It is very important that the children bring their reading folder to school **every day** so their book can be changed and any communication is sent home for every child.



P.E

Whale Class will have PE on Monday afternoons this half term with Mr Davis from Onside. Please ensure that their clothing and P.E kit are clearly marked with their name, so that we can return these if they go missing. Swimming will be scheduled for later in the year, but you will be notified in advance.

Curriculum

Whale Class pupils have proven to be very hard workers so far; we are really looking forward to seeing them develop and progress throughout this school year!

Maths

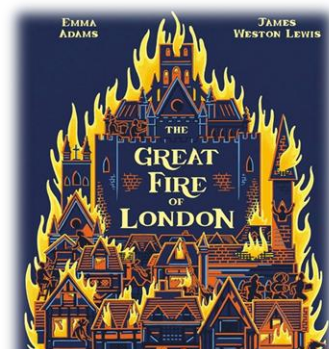
For our Maths learning, we are continuing to follow the White Rose Education scheme of learning. This scheme allows for full Maths coverage and provides clarity for children in mixed aged groups, allowing each child to access a good range of fluency, problem solving and reasoning lessons weekly. To start our week, we will be participating in 'Mental Maths Monday!' We will be developing this skill through Times Tables Rock Stars! Each day, the children will also be completing 'Fluent in Five', which are five short Maths questions to get the day started.

English

We will be using the I Am A Clever Writer (IAACW) approach for English, to help the children become more confident with their writing skills. Alongside this, we will have a weekly SPaG and Reading Comprehension and Guided Reading session too. The children will have opportunities to practice their weekly spellings and handwriting in school.

Topic

This term, our topic is *The Great Fire of London*. The children will explore this through a range of Literature. We will be enjoying a focus text each half term in addition to non-fiction texts and poems. Children will have the opportunity to explore this exciting topic through a variety of different methods including art & craft, scientific investigation, drama, music, writing, outdoor learning, PE and much more!



Wider Curriculum

As a class, we will also be holding a topic theme day this school year. These will take place once a term and will be an exciting opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in learning around their topic. Children will continue to participate in weekly RE, PSHE, Topic, Science, Music, French, Computing, and Art.

Learning at Home

As you will be aware, it is vital for children to continue their learning at home. This can be done in a variety of ways:

Homework

Homework will be set in CGP Books similar to last year. This should be completed in the book and handed back in on Wednesday to be sent back out on Friday.

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 home-school 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.

Spelling

Pupils in Year 3 and 4 are expected to be able to read and write a specific list of spellings by the end of their school year (see laminated sheet in reading folders). These have been compiled into weekly lists which have been shared as an event on ClassDojo. These should be practiced at home a minimum of 3 times a week in preparation for their spelling test every Friday.

Mental Maths

We have stuck the children's individual Times Tables Rock Stars login details in the front of their home-school record.

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.



Tuck Shop/Water Bottles

The children 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.

Milk

If you would like your child to receive milk daily, please contact Mrs Parkinson in the office to set up a Cool Milk account.



Show & Tell

All the children in Whale Class have been given a day for Show and Tell, if they would like to do this. Please ensure they only bring in 1 item. The rota has been shared on ClassDojo.

Reward System

This year, we will be continuing to use our online behaviour system- 'Class Dojo'. Keep a look out for photos of what we have been up to in Whale Class throughout the year! The following are just some of the ways the children can gain dojo points: -

- Being kind
- Challenging themselves
- Excellent listening
- Secret Cleaner!
- Completing homework
- Reading at home



Once they reach a multiple of 50 dojo points, they will get a prize! Prizes include stationery and yummy treats!

If your child reaches 100, 200 or even 300 dojo points, they will receive a special certificate in our Praise Collective Worship on a Friday!

Important Dates:

Week Commencing 14th September – Extra Curricular Clubs begin for five weeks.

Wednesday 30th September – Tempest Photography, Individual and Family.

Friday 2nd October – September Worker of the Month

Thursday 15th October – Church Harvest Service at 9.30am.

Wednesday 21st October – Autumn School Disco at 3.30pm.

Friday 23rd October – October Worker of the Month and End of Term

Monday 2nd November – Return to School



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If you have any questions, concerns, or anything you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact us via Dojo or email.

Miss Aslam and Mrs Powley.

Whale Class Team ❤️

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Our Class Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our Whale Class, for our friends, our teachers, and our school.

Help us to be kind to, brave and helpful, to listen to each other, and to remember that everyone matters.

Bless our day with smiles, laughter and learning; and help us make it a good one for everyone.

Amen ❤️