

Dolphin Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a great summer holiday. A huge welcome to the new Dolphins and welcome back to those who we are lucky enough to be keeping for another year! We are looking forward to a very exciting and productive year. Mrs De Silva will be teaching the class all week. Mrs Kirwin will be teaching on a Thursday afternoon, covering Mrs De Silva's planning, preparation and assessment time. Our class Teaching Assistants will be Mrs Jeans (mornings only) and Mrs Plummer.

We have had a good start to the term and have been impressed with how well the children are settling in. Please do come in and speak to us about any concerns you might have regarding your child and likewise we shall do the same. Alternatively, if you are unable to catch please feel free to email or call the school office and we will get back to you at a convenient time.

Topic Work

We have included our termly overview on the reverse of this letter which gives a brief outline of the anticipated coverage for this term although, as always, this is open to variation as the children are adding their own ideas every day.

Our topic has a History focus and we are very excited to be studying the history of our local area. The children are already excited about this! If anybody has any local knowledge or old photos that you think might help us to bring this topic alive, it would be great to hear from you. We promise to take care of them!

Reading in Dolphins

Your child will be expected to **change their reading books** in the **morning before they enter the classroom** and will need their reading book and record in school every day. We encourage the children to **practise their reading regularly at home**. Please could you **record, in your child's reading record**, when they share a book with you.

P.E Kit

All children should have their clearly named **full PE kit in school all week**, in case of unexpected changes to the timetable. Please do help us by ensuring that kit is in school. This includes black tracksuit bottoms/leggings, plain blue or black fleeces and sturdy trainers as we will go out whenever we can. Spare socks would be helpful too. Just a reminder that Ragtags sell a lovely Durweston hoodie.

Homework

Once the children are settled and we have assessed your child's abilities, spellings and maths homework will be sent home. More details about this will follow.



Class blog

Please keep up to date with the class and your child's learning through the class blog which can be found on the Dolphins class page on the school website.

General Reminders...

- Name tags are a must!
- Your child will need a named **water bottle** in school **every day**. They should keep it in the classroom so that it is readily available.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in the permission slip box outside the school office.
- Children should **not** be bringing toys into school.
- Please could children always have a waterproof coat in school.

We are very much looking forward to the busy term ahead!

The Dolphin Team