

Year 2

Dolphins Class



Dear Parent/Carers and children
Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely time over the Summer and that you and the children enjoyed their well-needed break. We are very excited about the wonderful learning we have planned for this term in Dolphin Class.

Reading in Year 2...

I hope that many of you kept up reading in the holiday. We place a huge emphasis on reading daily in Year 2, helping the children to read fluently and begin to be able to infer from the text.

During the school week your child is reading in the class regularly, and, if possible, Mrs Holman, Miss Reay and I do try and read with them 1:1 as well. We are also grateful to have a few parent helpers throughout the week.

Please try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes **every night**; talk about the story and ask questions like 'what happens when...' and 'who are the characters...', 'what happens first..?' etc. This will help your child to make real progress.

We will hand out books within the first few days of school. As we developing independence in Year 2 we encourage your child to hand their book in if it needs changing or they need to do a quiz. We will then endeavour to change the book on the same day.

This term

Topic - Our topic this term will be geography based - '**Beside the Sea**' As part of this topic we will learn about the geography of the local area, work on our mapping skills, do a couple of educational class trips into town and beach, visit the RNLI station, make seagulls, lighthouses and decorate pebbles.

Literacy - We will focus on a variety of genres including poetry, fiction and non-fiction. All of the books will be linked to our seaside topic starting off with *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* by David Armitage

Maths - We will continue to use the Inspire maths programme working primarily this term on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

Science - We will be focussing on Animals Including Humans where the children will learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy.

RE - We will be looking at Creation this term, digging deeper and thinking about what an amazing world God has created from a Christian perspective and other faiths.



General reminders:

- We will be doing Rounders and Healthy Living this term as part of our **PE** on **Wednesday & Thursday**. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Mrs Holman, Mrs Hodgeson and Mr Humphries will be taking the class on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Your child may bring in a water bottle to keep in class. This will be kept on a class trolley and can be accessed throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
- Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and will be due back on the **Wednesday**.
- We shall go through all the class systems and expectations and answer any queries you may have at the forthcoming Meet the Teacher meeting next week, and look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible
- We shall keep you as informed as possible via the Parent Information noticeboard on the window - which will display menus / spellings lists and letters etc.

Thank you Mrs Porteous, Mrs Holman & Miss Reay