



# DOLPHIN CLASS

Autumn Term Newsletter

## Welcome

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. Our new member of staff, Mrs Corrie will be teaching on a Tuesday afternoon, covering Mrs De Silva's planning, preparation and assessment time. Our class Teaching Assistants will be Mrs Gedye and Mrs Joyce.

We have had a really 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 us please feel free to email or call the school office and we will get back to you at a convenient time.

New faces A special warm welcome back to Felix who has returned to Durweston and a warm welcome to Sophia and her family who has joined the school. We hope that they soon feel settled in our class and school.

### Keeping you up to date

*In KS1 we do not use Tapestry however where and when appropriate we try to add photos and information about the things we have been doing to the whole school blog, found on the school website.*

## Learning This Term

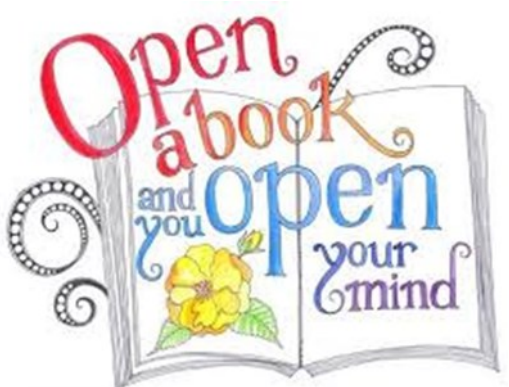
We have included our termly overview with this newsletter which gives a brief outline of the anticipated coverage for this term although, as always, this is open to variation as the children are adding their own ideas every day.

## READING IN DOLPHIN CLASS

Your child will need their reading book and reading record book in school **every day**.

Your child will be given new books each Monday. **They keep the same books all week** to encourage fluency and comprehension.

**They are all expected to read at least 5 times a week at home.** Please could you **record, in your child's reading record**, when they share a book at home.



# Ways a Parent Can Help with **READING**



**1**

**Let your child see you reading!**

Have magazines and books in your home.

**2**

Help your child find appropriate reading and word games online.

Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words.

**3**

**Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.**

**4**

**Movie version coming out?**

Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.

**5**

**Set aside a time and place for your child to read -**

like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place

**6**

**Visit your public library regularly.**

Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

**7**

**Encourage your child to write -**

letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life

**8**

**Ask your child questions about what her or she is reading, such as:**

- What is the story about?
- Who are the important people in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- Why do you think that person made that choice?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How did you know about...?
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?

**9**

**Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.**

Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own



**Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same**

## Other homework

Once the children are settled and we have assessed your child's abilities, phonics and weekly spellings will be sent home.

To limit the number of things going between school and home and back again, we will be emailing you as much of the homework as possible. Please ensure we have your current email address and check regularly, so you do not miss anything important.

More details about this will follow but, in the meantime, please keep up the reading.

## **P.E IN DOLPHIN CLASS**

Dolphins will have their PE lesson on a **Tuesday**.

**Please send your child into school in the correct kit and trainers.**

**PE will take place outside weather permitting for the first half of term.**

### **Kit list:**

Blue t-shirt

Black tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts

Plain blue or black fleeces/school hoodie

Sturdy trainers



## Dates for your diaries...you will receive more details about each of these events nearer the time

**26<sup>th</sup> September** – Individual School Photos

**30<sup>th</sup> September**—McMillan Coffee Morning (am) Harvest Service (pm)

**19<sup>th</sup> October** - Parent Teacher Meetings.

**21<sup>st</sup> October** - Inset Day

**24-28 October** – Half Term Week

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Music assembly (pm)

**25<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Afternoon to share homework.

**13<sup>th</sup> December**—Nativity Play (pm)

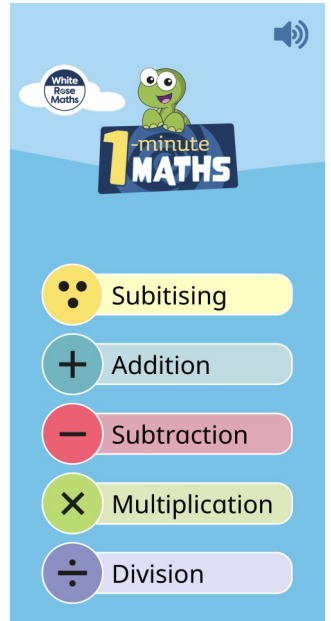
**14<sup>th</sup> December**— School Christmas Lunch

## Homework suggestion

In school we follow White Rose Maths. They have a very good free app for phones and tablets which you may like to try with your child.

Please bare in mind the app will cover all of the curriculum and for some children they will not yet have been taught some of the material that the app offers.

Subitising, Addition and Subtraction would be suitable for Y1 children and Y2 at this point in year unless you child enjoys a challenge of attempting some Multiplication and Division.



### General Reminders...

- Name tags are a must! **Please name everything**, it makes our life so much easier!
- Your child will need a named **water bottle** in school **every day**.
- You child should not be wearing necklaces, bracelets or rings into school.
- Children should **not** be bringing anything additional into school unless they have been specifically asked to do so.
- Please could children always have a waterproof coat in school.

### Wish List

Dolphins have carefully created a wish list on Amazon. This is a wish list of books which I would like to add to our class library and which we would use to inspire and support the children's learning.

If you feel you would like to and are able to purchase something on our behalf, please click on the link below, which will take you to the list.

If you find something you would like to purchase - just add it to your basket and follow the same process as if you were ordering something for yourself. The items will be delivered directly to our school.

You can make a direct impact on the resources we need and enable Dolphin class to enjoy a wide range of learning experiences.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

We are also very happy to place a book plate inside the front cover to acknowledge your kind donation.

Just a suggestion - Not compulsory!!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2KHYQLVID7VJD?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2KHYQLVID7VJD?ref_=wl_share)

A reminder that if you have any worries, queries, or concerns, PLEASE get in touch. If you don't tell us, we can't help!

Please use the details below if you need to speak to one of us.

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