



Wednesday 28th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Dolphins Class - we hope you had a lovely Easter break! Where has this year gone? We start the Summer Term with a new topic '**School Days**'. This is a History based topic which covers the Victorian Era. As always, if you have anything relevant and interesting at home, please feel free to bring it in so that the class can enjoy it. Please see the Topic Plan attached for the activities your child will be engaging in.

Timetable and Routines

There is a small change to the team teaching the class this term. Abbey Cooper will be joining us on a Wednesday afternoon. Abbey is a music and RE specialist teacher, so we are looking forward to having her with us. Abbey will split her afternoon between year 1 and year 2, so for the other half of the Wednesday afternoon, Miss Strong, who is another PE specialist at the school, will be taking the class for their second PE session.

Communication

As you know, I use Dojo to communicate with you all. Please do let me know if you are struggling to use it as I don't duplicate the communication in any other forum. Parent feedback was that there were too many platforms being used, so I have stuck to just the one. The office and leadership team also use Dojo to keep you updated, so it really is worth ensuring you have access and receive notifications.

Our Curriculum- C360



At Woolacombe our curriculum 360 (C360) is built upon four cornerstones:
Character, Community, Excellence and Innovation.

As part of our Character Education, the children will all partake in the Inspiring Changemaker Challenges. The children have already completed 4 – Inspiring Adventurer, Inspiring Speaker, Inspiring Leader and Inspiring Learner. They will receive certificates and badges as a celebration of their achievements, so look out for those. The aim is for the class to work towards a new challenge every half term. See below for the full list of challenges.

Inspiring Adventurer

Inspiring Speaker
Inspiring Learner
Inspiring Leader
Inspiring Researcher
Inspiring Volunteer

Phonics and Reading



Your children continue to make great progress in their phonics and reading. The children will undertake the phonics screening this term. Please do not worry or feel that you need to 'prepare' your children for this. The process has been part of their learning in Year 1 and we treat it as a normal part of their lessons. If you are concerned at all, please do get in contact with me directly to chat through any concerns.

The total number of reads each week toward the end of term took a real dip, so now that we are back into a new term, can you try to read 5 times a week with your child. This really does have a huge impact on their progress and helps them in all subjects.

Maths

We continue to consolidate our knowledge of place value, but this term moving up to 50. We add multiplication and division to our skill set. Fractions, time, money and measurement are also all covered. Daily maths fluency sessions concentrate on number facts, one more, one less, number bonds to 10 initially and 20. Any games at home that use a dice and require counting up and down are really useful to support our learning in class. I will print out and provide some easy games to play at home with your child as I know some of you didn't get the last set.

General Information

Don't forget to book your child's school dinners, or record them as a packed lunch (the cut off is 12pm the night before). Please contact the office if you have any more questions regarding payments.

Full school uniform must be worn, including black shoes. Long hair must be tied back, no hair products please. **PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays** this half term, so please ensure that your child wears their full kit into school on this day. A spare PE kit should also be left in school in case your child needs a change of clothes.

With summer fast approaching please ensure your child comes to school in suitable clothing for P.E, along with a **water bottle** and **sun cream** applied in the morning. **Please also ensure that any jewellery is removed on P.E days**, if this is not possible then I will ask children to cover their earrings with tape.

Summer Term- 2022

Woolacombe School PE Kit List

Year 1 – Summer 1- Tennis and Football. Summer 2- Athletics and Multi Skills

Kit List: School hoodie, white polo shirt, black shorts, black leggings/tracksuit bottoms, trainers, a sun hat and a water bottle.

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day and that all items are labelled with your child's name!

Thank-you for sending your children in with healthy snacks, please continue to do this. We don't generally stop for an afternoon snack now, but morning snacks are still required. If your child has a packed lunch, no plastic bags please. We are a plastic free school so reusable containers only, and ensure that they are clearly named.

Coming up.....

- 2nd May – Bank Holiday
- 30th May – Half Term
- Beach Clean – Date TBC
- School Trip – Date TBC

If you require further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo or email!

Mrs James and the Year 1 Team