

Reception – Dolphins Class: A day by Day Guide

Now that your child has settled well into their new class, we will be following our normal timetable. As there is a lot to remember and some things are new, we thought it would be useful to outline some of our daily activities and things that you may need to remember.

General Information:

- Mrs. Johnstone is the class teacher on Monday's, Tuesday's and the first part of Wednesday morning. Mrs. Wiles is then the teacher for the rest of the week. Mrs. Standen is the full time Teaching Assistant.
- Reading books – your child will soon bring home a class reading book and reading diary. This will be changed every Monday. We also have two boxes of books that can go home that you may change as often as you like. These are 'red spot story books' and 'ORT' books. Please replace a book before taking a new one.
- Library books – we will visit the school library every Monday.
- We provide a daily snack for the children which we have around mid-morning. This consists of a piece of fruit or vegetable and their water. The children are able to access their water all day and bottles can be refilled when empty. Please do not put water bottles in the book bag as they may leak onto books.
- We have daily phonics sessions where the children play games to develop their understanding of letters and sounds and rhyme and alliteration.
- Handwriting – each week we have a dedicated time for handwriting practice. At this stage we are focussing on developing the gross motor skills that children need to develop before they can develop their fine motor skills. We are playing lots of games and making big whole body movements before we move onto the finer movements of writing with pens and pencils.
- Assemblies – after half term we will join the infants for some assemblies. These will include singing, Father Dan's service and a class themed assembly.
- Star of the week – Each week we will choose a 'star of the week'. The chosen child will bring home a special box on the Friday to fill with important things to show the class the following week. Every child will have a turn at being the 'star' throughout the year.

Monday: Monday is our reading day. We will have group reading sessions and we will change the reading books. We will also visit the school library. Your child will be choose a library book each week. Please make sure that the children bring their library book, reading book and reading diary to school every Monday.

Tuesday: We will have a P.E session every Tuesday morning. Please ensure that your child has a named P.E kit in school at all times. We will send it home during the holidays for washing (or before if we feel it needs a wash).

Wednesday: Every Wednesday afternoon we will have a music session in the small hall. We will also visit the ICT suite alternate Wednesday mornings. This is a chance to develop our computer skills.

Thursday: We will have Forest School on Thursday afternoons in our school grounds. Children will need to bring a change of clothes and shoes (suitable for the weather). Further details and start date to follow.

Friday: Buddy Time – our year six buddies will spend some time with us every Friday morning. Bike Time and Playground Games will be on a Friday afternoon where we use the bikes, scooters, the traversing wall and play playground games. This is a dedicated time for developing our gross motor skills

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Wiles and Mrs Standen