



Lindisfarne 2024/25 – Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Lindisfarne! I hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready and raring to go for the new school year. I am excited to get to know you all (for those that I haven't previously taught!) and get stuck into some exciting learning.

The school day will be the same as last year. The gates will open at 8:40 and registration will start at 8:45. We will be starting lessons at 8:45 so punctuality is vitally important. At home time the gates will open at 3:10 and the children will be dismissed at 3:15. If anyone different is collecting your child, please let me know - via Dojo if it is in plenty of time – if it is last minute, please ring and let the office know as I may not pick up the Dojo message.

Water bottles will be kept in the classroom and your child does not need to bring a pencil case to school as we will provide all the resources they need in the classroom. Correct uniform (including school shoes) and PE are important so please refer to the policy if you are unsure what your child needs.

Our topic this term in Geography is Mountains and Deserts. We will be using atlases to locate countries and mountainous ranges, as well as describing key features of mountains, and how tourism affects mountain regions. We will be defining exactly what a desert is, and researching how animals adapt to the climate of hot and cold deserts. In Science we will be looking at food chains and food webs, and different ecosystems. Our focus text in English is Arabian Nights – we will be using this text to inspire narrative work.

Homework

Homework will be given out weekly, on a Friday, and should be handed in the following Wednesday. There will be two pieces of homework (GPS and Maths) as well as spellings. Spelling tests will take part on a Friday. If your child is struggling with their homework, please let us know as soon as possible so we can help. Dojo points will be given for homework and spellings.

Children who do not hand on their homework by Wednesday morning will complete their homework during their Wednesday breaktime.



Reading

Reading is a vital, key part of your child's learning. We are continuing to use the AR reading system where the children will take a comprehension test once they have completed their book. Please sign your child's Reading Diary when they have read. This doesn't always need to be to you – independent reading is also fine. The Reading Diaries will be checked each morning by one of the class TA's. We expect your child to read *at least 3 times a week at home*. Your child will receive Dojo points for reading at home and completed AR tests.

Children who do not read at home a minimum of 3 times by Friday morning will read during their Friday breaktime.

PE

PE lessons will take place on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure the children have the correct PE kit – white t-shirt, navy/black shorts and trainers or pumps. PE kits should be brought into school and left in lockers until half term. Earrings should be removed for PE and long hair should be tided back.

Dojo

The class Dojo page is all set up, and is the best way to contact the staff and to find out information. If you do need to contact the school in an emergency it is better to contact the office as I can't always check Dojo messages when I am teaching. I will always check my Dojo messages regularly, however if you send a message in the evening or at weekends I may not get back to you until the next working day.

We are looking forward to seeing you all and hearing about your child's summer holiday!

Kind regards,

Miss Beck