



Astley Primary School

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Learning is ACE

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Dear Families,



Welcome to Dolphin Class and a new term at Astley!

We hope that you and your child have had a good summer break and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with lots of opportunities to learn and develop greater understanding in the many different curriculum areas. I'm very excited to be your child's class teacher this year and this letter is just to let you know what our class will be focusing on in lessons over the next term and additional information to help with a smooth start to the year.

The following adults will be helping and supporting your child within the class:



Mrs Hamilton
Class Teacher



Miss Sayer
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Alford
HLTA

Drop-off and Pick-up times:

Please be aware of the following key timings and ensure that you are on the playground ready to collect your child at the end of the day. If for any unavoidable reason you are unable to arrive at school on time, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Class	DROP OFF	PICK UP
Dolphin Class	8:30-8:45 am	3:15 pm

Timetable:

Mrs Alford will teach the class on a Monday. **PE will be on a Monday and Thursday.** A reminder that PE kit should be a plain white or house team coloured t shirt, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms, and trainers. There should be no big logos or emblems, and no football kits. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on these days.

Forest School will commence on Tuesday 8th September. Children will need to come to school in clothes suited to Forest School sessions i.e., hardwearing and okay to get dirty. Please see separate letter for further information. For all other days, children should be dressed in smart school uniform as per policy.

Curriculum:

The children will be following the National Curriculum for Literacy and Maths. We will be using Cornerstones to follow a range of Foundation Stage topics (Science, History, Geography, DT and Art):



Other Foundation Subject topics for the Autumn Term are shown below:

Subject	Area of Study:	Subject	Area of Study:
Life Skills	Me and my relationships. Valuing Difference.	Music	Mamma Mia. Harvest Songs. Stop (anti-bullying song). Carol singing.
Primary Languages (French)	Welcome to school super learners. Bonfire night poem. Classroom commands. Places in town. Christmas shopping.	Physical Education (PE)	Real PE - Social focus. Run, jump, throw and Outdoor adventurous activities. Health and fitness focus. Games - netball.
Religious Education (RE)	Who was Muhammad and what is the Qur'an? How do Muslims express commitment to Islam?	Computing	The Internet Data Logging. E-Safety.

Reading and Homework:

Your child will have a blue reading journal and will be given a school reading book appropriate to their reading level. In addition, your child will have the opportunity to choose a book from the library to read for personal pleasure.

Please ensure **reading journals are brought into school daily**. Please remember to record when you have listened to your child read. This will be acknowledged by staff on a Wednesday during the ACE book share and your child may be put forward to receive a reading prize!

Children are expected to practise the times tables that they are focussing on in class in preparation for weekly test practise. These can be practised in whichever way suits you best. If you have access to the internet, your child can use TT Rockstars giving them access to games and practice tests that monitor their

progress. They may even earn a Rock Star Status for our class leaderboard! Just go on 'Studio' game mode!

In addition to this, children will be sent home with focused spellings and can practise these either by writing them out or using some of the suggested 'Active Spelling' ideas. They may also use the Emile App if they prefer practising online. We shall be recapping some spelling rules to ensure that everyone's spelling knowledge is secure. A year 3/4 spelling word list will be given to your child if you wish to practise some trickier words.

Please may I remind you to always let the office know in writing of any changes in collection arrangements for your child going home. This will allow me to ensure that your child goes home safely.

I am looking forward to a happy, hardworking, and successful term! Our weekly Astley Advertiser gives key dates and information about what is happening in school. To find out more about what we have been up to in class, please follow us on Instagram @astleyprimary.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Hamilton
Dolphins Class Teacher