



Autumn Term 2017 Ash Class



Welcome to Ash Class!

I hope that you had a fantastic summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. Mrs Hickford and I are excited to working with and alongside you this year. If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Meet the Teacher

My name is Mr Noonan and I will be the teacher for Ash Class this academic year. I have recently completed my PGCE, having aspired to be a teacher for many years. The majority of my training placements were within Year 2, so I am delighted to be starting my career with a Year 2 class. Before training, I worked as a Teaching Assistant in a local primary school, predominantly working with children with Special Educational Needs or through intervention workshops. I have also spent many years working with children in a Nursery and Pre-School within Bury St Edmunds. I aspire to make learning fun and active so that everyone can participate with confidence and interest. I am looking forward to helping your children grow.

Mornings

Now that your child is in Year 2, we are promoting their independence and this is something that they will be developing as they come in during the mornings. When your child enters, it is expected that they try to complete some of the following tasks:

- Place their coat, P.E Kits or any larger items in the cloakrooms.
- Place their reading books and logs in to their designated basket.
- Hand in any letters, money or return slips.
- Place their snacks in their draws.
- Quickly settle themselves down and complete the task on their tables.

This year, there will be a particular focus on their handwriting. Each morning, as we adjust ourselves to the new term, the children will have a handwriting activity to complete. Mrs Hickford will also be taking out small groups of children to focus on this too.

PE

This term our PE sessions will be on a Monday and a Friday afternoon. As the weather gets colder, it is essential that your child comes with the correct clothing to ensure they are comfortable to participate. It is also requested that any children with long hair have this tied back with a hairband and that tape is placed over earrings (if they cannot be removed).

Homework

Homework will be sent home every Friday with the expectation that this is returned on the following Wednesday. More information regarding homework will be shared with you very soon.

Spelling

Children will be given their spellings on a Tuesday and these will be tested the following Tuesday. These will be glued into their spelling books. Therefore, it is essential that this is brought to school every Tuesday as they will also be tested in these books. As you practise, it is encouraged to also get your child to write these as a short sentence.

Cover

My PPA and NQT cover will be taken by Mrs Hickford which will be during Wednesday's and Thursday's afternoon.

Rewards

In Ash Class this year, I will be using a system called 'Class Dojo' which holds similar principles to the Marble Jar that was used in Oak. Each child has their own avatar and can receive points for brilliant behaviour, good listening, great attitudes to learning behaviours, homework and all spellings correct. At the end of the week, points will be counted and recorded. The children have been placed into groups already and at the end of the half term the group of children with the highest amount of points will get a reward with the other children in KSI. There will also be recognition for individuals who have earned high points.

Parental Involvement

As always, I would be very open to welcoming you to Ash Class to help out. If anyone is available to listen to readers either at the beginning or end of school then please let me know! It is expected that children should be listened to at home each day (if possible).

What are we learning this year?

See below a brief overview of what we will be learning this first autumn half-term.

English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	ICT
Recount texts, short stories, punctuation focus.	Number: Place value, addition, subtraction	Classifying and Changing Materials	Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus	Map Work	Programming

Music	PSHE/Philosophy	Art/DT	PE	RE
Exploring sounds and performing.	Friendship, Talk about New Class and Year	Making 3D planets.	Gymnastics/Dance	Books and Stories, Christianity and Celebrations

Subject Notes*

In our English learning this year, we will be looking closely at a selection of words known as the 'Common Exception Words'. It is expected that by the end of year 2 your child should be able to read and write these. We will be doing a lot of work around these over the year, but I have placed a PDF of the words on our class page for you to access at your leisure. I also have many paper copies should you wish to access one.

In our Maths learning this year, it is expected that your children should be able to recall the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Likewise, we will be doing a lot of practise over the year on these during our maths learning and Magic 10. Towards the end of the year, I will be introducing the children to the 3 and 4 times tables. This will correlate with our fractions learning when we will be looking at quarters and thirds.

Class Timetable

I have attached a copy of our class timetable to the Class Page for you to see!

Please don't forget to check our website each week to see what we have been learning! I will also be posting essential information or resources that can be accessed at home to support your children's learning.

I look forward to working alongside all of Ash Class and the parents this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need to.

Here is to a great year!

Mr Noonan