



Spring Term 2018

Ash Class

Welcome back Ash Class!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Can you believe it is 2018 already? Where is the time going? I am pleased to have all of the children back and hope that they have rested well over the holidays. This term will be quite full on with a range of different learning opportunities, therefore, focus and determination are essential from now onwards.

Mornings

Once again, the classroom layout has changed slightly. As per the last two half terms, the children will need to enter the classroom sensibly, find their seat and begin their morning task. Last term in particular, there was a lot of unsettled behaviour in the morning. This will not be tolerated this term.

I am going to adopt a slightly different approach this term too. With statutory assessments commencing later on in the summer term, (don't worry, we have time), the children will be expected to complete the shorter handwriting task in their books or supplied task, as well as some SAT styled questions. These will be kept and recorded so that we can look back over these later on in the term. I will also use this opportunity to cover methods, misconceptions and talk through how we would get the answer.

PE

PE will continue to be on Monday and Friday's this half term. Our topic does involve us to be outside, when the weather allows us to. Please ensure your child is equipped for the outdoor weather, especially with it becoming colder each week. As you will notice from the timetable, on Monday, our PE will be outside and Friday's will be inside.

Homework

Once again, thank you very much for the support you have been giving your children in their homework. It is wonderful seeing them apply some of the methods in their learning at home. I will be expecting the children to take on more of a lead role with their homework from now on and will ensure that they have clear instructions on how to complete the task. This does not mean that you cannot help them, however I would be grateful if you could indicate which ones you supported them with so that I can record this and provide support in school too.

Please note - I am happy for homework to be returned any day up until the Friday after it has been set. However, it will only be marked if it is handed in on or before Wednesday. I do expect to see homework returned from all children.

If the homework is at all too challenging or you would like a further explanation, please ask!

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! We are only able to hear children read during Guided Reading due to our rather busy timetable. So help would be amazing!

What are we learning this term?

See below a brief overview of what we will be learning this first half of Spring Term.

English	Maths	Science	Topic	ICT
Plurals, SPAG, Letter Writing, Verbs/Adverbs, Compound Words.	<u>Measurements</u> Money! <u>Number</u> Division <u>Data</u> Statistics	Our Living Earth (Life Cycles)	<u>Kings and Queens</u> Learning and comparing information of two rulers of England.	eSafety - learning how to be safe online.

Music	PSHE/ Philosophy	Art/DT	PE	RE
Making our own music	Economic Wellbeing - Financial Capability	Making shields	Ball Skills, Outdoor Games - Dance	Books and Stories, Christianity and Celebrations

Important Dates for Diaries!

- January 9th - 9:00-12:00pm - Ash Class Trip to Tesco
- January 22nd - Reception/KSI Bird Watching Enrichment Day
- January 31st - Interim Reports are sent home.
- March 19th - 3pm - Open Books in Classrooms.
- March 21st - Class Photos
- March 22nd - Sports Relief
- March 27th - 3:30-5:30 - Parents' Evening

- March 28th - 4:30-6:30 - Parents' Evening
- March 29th - Last Day of Term

We will be holding an information session with KSI and Reception parents about our 'Bug Club' reading book scheme. There will be more details released soon which will inform you of this meeting.

Once again, please do not hesitate to talk to me if you have any queries or concerns. Here is to a very busy but fun half term!

Mr Noonan