



Autumn Term 2018 Ash Class



Welcome to Ash Class!

I hope that you had a fantastic summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. Mrs Palmer 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.

Morning Routine

Now that your child is in Year 2, you will need to enter the building via the hall door and walk down the corridor to the classroom. Coats and PE bags will need to be placed in the cloakrooms, whereas book bags can be brought to the classroom and stored in the boxes just beside our classroom door.

Each morning, there will be book baskets placed out on the red table. Your child will be informed of which basket they need to put their book in on our first day back and will be expected to do so each morning, (especially if it needs changing!).

We are promoting independence this year and this is something that the children will be expected to take ownership of as they settle themselves into Year 2. When your child enters, it is expected that they try to complete some of the following tasks:

- 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.
- Place their water bottles in the box.
- Quickly settle themselves down and complete the task on their tables.

Each morning when your child enters, there will be task set out on the table for them to complete. These will vary from English and Maths tasks, to reading investigations and answering different questions.

PE

This term our PE sessions will be on a Monday morning (with Tom Bigg) 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 Thursday. More information regarding homework will be shared with you very soon.

Spelling

Children will be given their spellings on a Monday and these will be tested the following Monday. These will be glued into their spelling books. Therefore, it is essential that this is brought to school every Monday as they will also be tested in these books.

Over the year we will be developing a range of different spelling strategies, but I have no objection if you or your child have their own way of practising them. Whichever you see best for your child, I'm happy with.

Teacher Cover

My PPA cover will be taken by Mrs Goodchild which will be on Thursday afternoon. She will be teaching some exciting Science and RE. Ash Class are very lucky!!

Rewards

In Ash Class this year, I will be using a system called 'Class Dojo' which holds similar principles to the Team Points 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 (etc). 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.

Parent 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) as our timetable this year doesn't provide as much opportunity to hear readers individually throughout the week (apart from Guided Reading).

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	Plants: Observing, recording and describing	Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus	Map Work	Programming

Music	PSHE	Art/DT	PE	RE	Philosophy
Exploring sounds and performing (Travel)	Myself and My Relationships,	Pointillism/ Making 3D planets.	Gymnastics/ Dance	Books and Stories, Christianity and Celebrations	Where the Wild Things Are

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. Just after Christmas, 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.

Our 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