



Spring Term 2019 Ash Class



Welcome back!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2019! That's going to take some getting used to as we write out the date, but I'm really looking forward to getting back to work with Ash Class again. This term becomes more challenging in terms of focus and outcomes, but I'm positive Ash Class will apply the same fantastic learning attitudes they have so far and tackle everything 100%.

We will gradually be introducing the children to 'formative key stage assessments' looking primarily at the question types. I'm approaching the assessments differently this year and there will be some more information that I share with you as we get further into the term. I plan to also hold a session for you at a later point in the term, so keep your eyes peeled!

Morning Routine

Last term I felt that the children really settled themselves into how Year 2 works and the majority of them really focused on what their task was. I will be holding higher expectations in regards to the children getting on independently this term, therefore I am going to give you an overview of the activity type in the morning so that your child can be prepared.

- Monday - Spelling practise.
- Tuesday - Handwriting.
- Wednesday - Maths tasks - number.
- Thursday - Handwriting.
- Friday - Maths/English tasks - Responding to comments.

PE

This term our PE sessions will continue to be on a Monday morning (with Tom Bigg) and a Friday afternoon (with me). We're definitely coming into some cold weather now, so 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). Both PE sessions will be OUTDOOR this first half term. Please ensure your child comes equipped!

Homework

Thank you SO much for your effort and dedication to homework. I really am so thrilled by the whole learning attitudes this cohort have. It's beyond brilliant. For the first half term, the children will return to having homework sent home in their books. Times Tables Rockstars is available for the children to use at their own leisure. This will be updated regularly with different tables, but please let me know if your child is in need of an additional challenge.

Spelling

Please make sure your child has their spelling books with them on Monday mornings. They can be placed into the yellow basket that is put out on a Monday.

Rewards

Congratulations to the black team who won our team treat this half term! Now we're coming into Spring term we have reset the points and the children now have a new avatar for their team.

Parent Involvement

With a big focus this term being on reading and verbal comprehension, I'd be really happy if any of you who had any spare minutes could come and read with the class. If you do have any spare time, please let me or Mrs Palmer know.

Epiphany Crowns

You may recall receiving an email from Mrs Lamb before the term ended in regards to Epiphany Crowns. The idea is for the children to design and make their own crown using recycled materials, old wrapping paper, cardboard etc. The children will wear these to the Epiphany celebration held at All Saints' church on the first day back. These can go home on the same day too! ☺

What are we learning this year?

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

English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	ICT
Plurals, narratives, compound words, contracted words, fairytales,	Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Statistics, Shape 3D and 2D	Living things and their habitats.	Kings and Queens (Children will be solving clues as to who they're studying)	Map Work, continents and capital cities, physical and human landmarks	e-Safety

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Music	PSHE	DT	PE	RE	Philosophy
Exploring different genres	Economic well-being, citizenship	Making Vehicles	Hockey	Leaders and Teachers - Judaism	The importance of reasoning.

Useful Dates

January

- Friday 4th January 2019 - PD Day.
- Monday 7th January 2019 - School starts.
- Monday 7th January 2019 - Epiphany service (children only - crowns needed)
- Tuesday 8th January 2019 - Silver Book assembly resumes.

February

- Friday 15th February 2019 - End of term.
- Monday 18th February 2019 - Friday 22nd February 2019 - Half term
- Monday 25th February 2019 - School starts.

March

- Monday 25th March 2019 - Open Books

April

- Tuesday 2nd April 2019 - Early parents' evening (3:30-5:30)
- Thursday 4th April 2019 - Late parents' evening (4:30-6:30)
- Friday 5th April 2019 - End of Term

I'm looking forward to getting started again and looking forward to seeing all of you for a very 'Royal' welcome on January 7th 2019!

King Noonan (Mr Noonan)

