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Ash Class Curriculum Letter – Summer 1

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely break, the children all seemed to have shot up in height in that short time.

Topic

We will be doing lots of science and investigations this half-term involving lots of cool experiments for us to do.

I will hopefully be securing a date for a science workshop for the children to attend in school on

Monday 9th May.

We will be doing all of these investigations: egg drop, ice sculptures, volcanoes, magnet maze, paper bubble machine.

There will also be lots of discussion around life cycles and what these are (especially the life cycle of a tadpole)!

PE

The children will need to bring in their PE kits on a **Tuesday** to do their session with myself in the afternoon.

This half-term we will be doing lot's of team games in multi-skills to work on our reasoning skills and communication skills. We will also be doing lots of focus on games that will lead up to sports day like the egg and spoon race and relays!

The children will continue to wear their PE on a **Wednesday** to school for their PE session with Mr Bourne.

Phonics

Having listened to the children reading since Monday I am blown away by the progress that has been made! I am encouraging children to use 'fred in their head' more and use more expression in their reading. We are also becoming more aware of what capital letters are for, recognising these capital letters and discussing punctuation.

The children will continue to follow the RWI scheme for reading where we 'hold a sentence' (write a sentence I have given) and write their own sentences. I am expecting all children to be able to use finger spaces and full stops consistently in their writing now. We will also be working hard on remembering a capital letter at the beginning of



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our sentences. As a challenge we will also be using a connective (and) and an adjective (describing word). I will be holding a workshop focussed on writing for the end of the reception year and how parents can support this at home. A date for this will follow soon.

Maths

We are going to be lots of counting this half-term! The children will be doing lots of learning based around number recognition to 20, ordering numbers and counting larger amounts. We will also be using dienes to challenge us even more in our numbers to 20 and beyond. I will be expecting all children by the end of this half-term to order numbers confidently to 20 and recognise nearly all their numbers.

We will also be learning about instantly knowing what an answer is from reading a addition or subtraction sentence. For example as we know our number bonds to 5, being shown $4+1$ should know the answer is 5. And if they are shown $2+2$ they should know its 4.

I will be giving out home learning as a support for what we are doing in school. This will be given out on Friday afternoon. You can record on Tapestry how your child had got on and if you have any questions for me about the home learning.

As always please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name as this helps us greatly if things get mixed up from time to time.

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If you have any questions please feel free to ask or email,

Many thanks,

Miss Bampton-Wilton and the Ash Class Team