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Ash Class Curriculum Letter – Spring 2



Dear parents and carers,

I am so impressed with the children so far this year, I have seen a huge progression in all of the children's skills in so many areas it has been just lovely to see.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our student teacher Miss Carnie who will be doing lots of learning with Ash class. We also have Mrs Q back with us to support in the classroom.

Topic

Our main topic this half-term is all about 'Fantasy and Adventure'. We will be having lots of role-play opportunities to act out different adventures. We will also be basing a lot of our learning around a different adventure/ fantasy themed story every week. There will be lots of potion making, singing songs of adventures and lots more exciting activities!

We will also be concentrating on developing our garden, planting lots of new lovely things to watch grow overtime and understanding the life cycles of different animals and how they change over time.

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 multi-skills our main focus, including ball skills (throwing, catching), use our bodies in different ways to move around and on equipment.

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

Phonics

We have now learnt all of our set 2 sounds. Please practise these at home. I will send home learning for the children to help practise both their reading and writing skills. Handwriting is still a big focus, ensuring that letters are formed correctly and not rushing with our writing.

We are now looking closely at reading words with digraphs in (sh, ch, th) but not having these underlined. It is good practise to spot these in words when looking at reading books to support with recognising these.

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In our writing we are continuing to become more confident at writing a short sentence, using finger spaces and full stops. We will start to look at recognising capital letters as well.

When writing it is important to encourage your child to 'read' the word to help them phonetically write it. For example, they may write 'I rode my bighk'. Please encourage this as at this stage it is important that they can write phonetically.



Maths

In maths we will be doing lots of counting activities and focussing on 1 more and 1 less. The children will be working on becoming very confident in their numbers to 10. Not just being able to count and order but being able to subitise these amounts, make number bonds in different ways and also use doubling knowledge. We will also begin to understand the difference in odd and even numbers, showing this through sharing amounts.

Home learning will be given out on a Friday now and reading books will continue to be changed on a Wednesday. If they need changing before or after this they can ask an adult in class to do this for them. Please remember to return your reading books for them to be changed so they can be enjoyed by others! **Every child in the school has been provided with a clear plastic folder to keep their reading books in, this is to minimise books becoming tatty in bags.**

Parents evening will be on Wednesday 16th March and Thursday 17th March.

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

