

# Ash Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1

### General Information

Please ensure that the children have a bottle of water and bring their bookbag each day.

The school day starts at 8.35 and finishes at 3.15.

### Messages

If you have a message for me or would like a meeting please speak to a member of staff on the door on a Morning or send me a message on Messenger.

### Topic- History

This half term, the children will be learning about 'changes within living memory'. They will be finding out how schools and homes were different when their grandparents were younger and will compare them to modern day examples.

### Phonics and Reading

The children will all be grouped for phonics and will take part in lessons between 9 and 9.45. They will bring home a reading book and book bag book each week. Please ensure that they have their books in their bookbags each day and read as much as they can at home. You can write what they have read in their home reading journal. This is new and separate to their school reading journal.

### Numeracy

This half term, we will be focussing upon representing numbers, 1:1 counting and grouping objects. We will order numbers and talk about which are greatest or smallest. By the end of the half term, we will move on to addition and subtraction and number bonds to 10.

### Art & Design

The children will learn about drawing and painting in reference to the work of influential artists such as Picasso and Georges Braque.

### Homework

The children will have weekly key words to read and learn as well as a topic or handwriting task. Homework will be sent home on a Friday and collected in on a Wednesday.

### PSHE

Our PSHE topic for Autumn 1 is 'New Beginnings'. The children will be talking about their friendships and their own wellbeing.

### Music

This half term, the children will be learning the difference between 'pulse' and 'rhythm'. They will be creating and copying beats using their voices and percussion.

### Literacy and Handwriting

In literacy, we will be looking at the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will write labels and captions and develop our vocabulary of the story. We will also read the story 'Funnybones' and will use Talk for Writing to orally rehearse our own version of the story. At the end of the half term, we will learn about writing instructions and will write instructions for making a witch's potion!

### Science

In Science, the children will be discussing the names of their main body parts (arms, shoulders, legs etc) and will be learning about the parts of their bodies that are responsible for the different senses.

### RE- 'Special times'-

This half term we will be learning about special times for the children, such as Christmas, Birthdays and Easter. We will also talk about the special times of Christians, as Christianity is our focus religion in Year 1.

### Computing

This half term, the children will be learning about E-Safety through a series called 'Hector's World'.

### PE

PE days are Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that the children have their kits for both lessons and have outdoor footwear. The children will be learning about the 'fundamentals' and basic ball skills required for PE.