



Ash Class Newsletter



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Forest School- Mrs Shadbolt & Mrs Weatherly

We have been very busy throughout our first half term in Year 1 and have all settled in really well. We have learned new routines and ways of learning more independently already! We are very excited about the upcoming half term too.

English: This half term we shall be looking at 'journey tales'. We shall learn and re tell our model text story 'The Dark Forest'. We shall explore story telling through drama and story making games with a focus on language and story structure. We shall be focusing on setting description where we shall incorporate our senses. We shall write with imaginative language and the 'power of 3.'

Phonics: Daily phonics sessions covering phase 3-5.

Numeracy: Addition and subtraction using concrete objects and picture representation and other strategies such as the part whole model and the bar model. 2D and 3D shapes; their properties and mathematical language for shape. Number and place value and representing numbers using objects and pictures. Counting in s/ 5s/ 10s.

Science: Seasonal changes; observing changes and patterns in weather, plants and animals across time.

History 'Toys Throughout Time.' Observing similarities and changes in toys throughout time. Making observations and comparisons during living memory and beyond living memory. Making simple timelines.

Art: Painting; exploring colour mixing and painting skills. Exploring a range of painting media including poster paint, watercolours and acrylics. Experiment with tools and techniques. Working on a range of scales.

Music: Charanga; Rhythm in the way we walk. How pulse, rhythm and pitch work together. Singing and rapping.

PSHE- 'Celebrating Differences'. Identifying and celebrating similarities and differences between myself and others. Understanding diversity and valuing how important it is. Being respectful of others differences in terms of culture, beliefs and looks.

Values & Beliefs: Judaism Mitzvot/tzedakah. 'Why is learning to do good deeds so important to Jewish people?'

PE: Ball games; exploring rolling, throwing, catching, dribbling and bouncing. Forest School (Wednesday afternoon).

Computing: Pictograms, logging on, using passwords and saving work using chrome books.

Homework:

Homework will come home on a Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Your child will receive the following

- Spellings- incorporating handwriting
- Reading- to read or share a text daily. This could be a few pages from a story, practising a sound mat, High frequency words, magazine or comic etc. This can be just 5 minutes a day to enjoy together. Please make sure to add this in their reading record.
- Spellings shall also be practised at school with a test on Friday. Support resources such as sound mats, word lists and letter formation shall be coming home during the first half term for you to use with your child.

Reading Books

Please read your school book twice then add to the class box for changing. We would love any adult helpers in school for reading. If you can help please let Miss Hilton know.

PE

PE shall be on Friday morning and Wednesday afternoon (Forest school). Please ensure your child has a suitable, labelled kit for indoor and outdoor use.

If you are able to help during our Forest School sessions please speak to Miss Hilton.

Snack

Snack is provided, however you can send an additional fruit/ veg snack from home.

Dates

Tuesday 9th November- Diwali Enrichment Day

Friday 26th November- Fencing Enrichment Day

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