



# Welcome to Ash Class!



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a lovely summer; I am sure you and your child are more than ready to start the new school year. Firstly, I would like to welcome our new reception children and families! We are extremely excited to welcome you to our school and our Year 1s will be very keen to help your little ones settle into their new class.

We have a very full and exciting curriculum this term. Our Learning Challenge Curriculum question this term will be 'Why do mini-beasts have more legs than humans?' and 'Why can't a meerkat live in the North Pole?'. Please see our curriculum web for more detail and the texts we will cover. This will be posted on our school website class page for future reference.

This letter will give you lots more information about the learning and routines in Ash class, but please do not hesitate to come and see me after school if you have any questions or queries.

- Ash class will have the side gate open from 8.40am for an 8.50am registration. We will bring the children out to the playground at the end of the day at **3.10pm**.  
We are still asking parents and carers to not enter past our gate into our learning outdoor area, and to let your child walk through independently. There will be an adult present on the gate if your child needs any support.
- On arrival into the classroom, all pupils will be asked to wash their hands. We will regularly wash hands throughout the day to reduce a risk of transmission. If your child has any known allergies or irritations to soap products, please come and speak to me.

We would like you to be mindful of allergies within the class, therefore if you are providing any school lunches from home please ensure it does not contain any nut products as we are a nut free school. This includes products such as peanut butter. Your understanding of this is greatly appreciated.

## Our week

- **PE:** The children will be taking part in PE on a Thursday afternoon. Children should come into school wearing their PE kit. PE shorts can be placed in to their book bags if they wish to change into something cooler later on that day. Children will also take part in daily physical activities, but they will not need to get changed for this so there is no need for PE kits to be left at school.
- **Reading:** We encourage you to read with, listen to or read to your child each night whether it is a reading book or a family favourite. Your child will receive a reading book, reading record and a library book, within the first two weeks. We will change them once a week on a **Friday**. We do encourage children to read their books three times to support the development of confidence and fluency. We ask you to record these reading times within their reading diary. You will receive details of our 'how to support your child with phonics and reading at home' workshop within the next few weeks.
- **Bug Club:** Bug club is our school's reading scheme. Your child will receive a Bug Club login, which will be stuck inside of the reading diary, to access their e-books and phonic games. This will link to their phonic phase they are working within at school.
- **Tapestry:** New reception parents will soon receive an email to activate your tapestry account. This will allow you to see your child's learning journey. There will be a weekly memo outlining the weeks learning focuses too. Year ones learning journey will now be shown within their exercise books, however we will still post pictures of any practical learning and curriculum events on here so please keep it active.
- **Spellings:** Only the **Year Ones** will have a spelling test once a week (**Monday**) focusing on high frequency words, tricky words and common spelling patterns. Your child will be given a spelling book with a few spellings

to learn each week. I will add the terms overview of spellings onto the school's website class page for future reference.

- **Homework:** Homework will start after **October half term** once the children are settled into their routine. Year Ones will have a short numeracy or literacy task flowing on from their week's learning. Reception pupils will have a selection of flashcards to practise reading.
- **Teachers:** I will have the pleasure of teaching the class each day and Mrs Murfin will be in the class teaching assistant (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) and will also cover PPA times.

### General reminders and routines

- Clothing such as cardigans, jumpers and even shoes **MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED.**
- The children will need to have their own water bottle to keep in class, which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- Children will need a healthy (nut free) morning snack; please could all snacks be clearly labelled. Fruit will be provided by the school in the afternoons.
- The children are welcome into class from 8:40, where there will be activities for them to complete. At 8:50 am the register will be taken and any arrivals after will be recorded as late.
- If you have a particular issue you would like to discuss, please make an appointment for after school as this will allow more time to discuss the matter rather than in the busy mornings.
- Please can all toys be left at home!

### **Volunteers**

Hopefully, we can start our 'Reception welly walks' again but **we do need some volunteers**. This will take place on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.15- 2.15. We will also be going on trips and excursions throughout the year, so if you are happy to assist please let me know your availability. We also would be grateful for any volunteers to help listen to readers in the afternoons however if you do decide to volunteer you will need to complete a DBS form which the office can help you with.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rimmer 😊