



Ash Class Information Letter

Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you've had a lovely summer and 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; our class and rainbow buddies 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 are humans not like tigers*' and '*What would my childhood have been like in the past?*' 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 or send me an email 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. If your child has any known allergies or irritations to soap products, please come and speak to me and we can arrange alternative provision.

Our week

- **PE:** The children will be taking part in PE on a Tuesday and 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. Please ensure your child keeps their reading book and diary in their bags each day so we can listen to them read at school. You may also want to encourage your child to take part in this year's Rainforest Reading Adventure, the half-termly book club and to have fun exploring our new reading book boxes – more information will follow shortly.

- **Bug Club:** Bug club is our school's phonic 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. There will be a parent reading workshop in the near future which will explain this process further.
- **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 and vocabulary focus, along with any additional reminders. Year one's 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:** We have decided to change spelling practise this year, keeping the focus on spelling patterns linked to their phonic phases. **Year Ones** will be taught the spelling patterns and common exception words within school and practise these words within small group activities and games.
- **Homework:** Homework will start after **October half term** once the children are settled into their routine. Year Ones will have a short Maths or English task following on from their week's learning. Reception pupils will either have a selection of flashcards to practise reading or pencil control activities. This will change as they progress throughout the year.
- **Teachers:** I will have the pleasure of teaching the class each day and Miss Murfin will be in the class teaching assistant and will also cover my planning time on a Thursday afternoon.

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 ensure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- Children will need a healthy (nut free) morning snack, please all snack pots be clearly labelled. Fruit will be provided by the school in the afternoons.
- 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. This is in line with the 'nut free' policy we operate in school.
- The children are welcome into class from 8:40am, where there will be activities for them to complete. At 8:50 am the register will be taken and any arrivals after this time will now 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!
- The first two days of the term will consist of reception home visits. Therefore, we will have an additional teacher Mrs Petifer, who will cover me when I am out on visits.

Volunteers

If you are available and would like to volunteer to join Ash class on school trips or listen to readers then please let me know your availability. You will need to complete a DBS form and read our safe guarding and school policies which the office can help you with.

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

Best wishes,

Mrs Rimmer ☺