



# Ash Class Information Letter

## Spring Term A 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a lovely Christmas break and I am sure you and your child are more than ready to start 2024!

We have a very full and exciting curriculum this term. Our Learning Challenge Curriculum questions this term will be 'What are materials around us called?' and 'Why is Grace Darling so brave?'. 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 if you have any questions or queries.

### Our week

- **PE:** The children will continue to take part in PE on Tuesdays and Thursday afternoon. Children should come into school wearing their PE kit.
- **Farm School:** Farm school will not be taking place this half term but will after the half term holidays. You will receive a letter giving you more information nearer the time.
- **Reading:** We will change reading books 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 along with a small comment on how they are getting along or any particular words they found tricky.
- **Bug Club:** Please continue to access Bug Club at home either playing the phonics games or reading the online books. All children enjoy playing these games and it really helps to build their confidence in blending.
- **Tapestry:** Please continue to keep an eye on Tapestry throughout the week as I will be adding photographs and weekly memo of new learning.
- **Spellings:** we do not give out lists of spellings anymore as we focus on spellings within our phonics session. However, we are launching a new spelling programme called Spelling Frame. The children have been using it in class and are confident at navigating around the game. If you want to support your child further with their spellings please use their login, which is allocated in the front of their reading diaries, to access the programme. Please select spelling rules of your child's age only.
- **Homework:** Homework will continue. I was very impressed with all of the positive comments from the children about how much they are enjoying it; I hope it continues!
- **DT project:** Please could you help resource your child's lighthouse project by collecting the following resources for **WB: 29.01.24**
  - 1 x cereal box,
  - 1 x news paper,
  - 1 x kitchen roll tube
  - 1 x roll masking tape

### 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 and that they are cleaned daily.
- Children will need a healthy (nut free) morning snack; please could all snack pots be clearly labelled. Fruit will be provided by the school in the afternoons.
- Please can all toys be left at home.

### Requests

This term, we are developing a builder's yard in our discovery area. If you have any play tools or tool boxes you wish to donate we would greatly appreciate them.

I look forward to another wonderful term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rimmer ☺