



Ash Green Express

July 2017



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

Friday 30th June: Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 7th July: Transition day

Friday 14th July: Y2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 25th July: School closes

Summer is here!

We have seen lots of sunshine and warm weather so far this year. Please make sure that you send your child to school in a sunhat to wear at playtime. If you wish to send sun cream for your child, please make sure they can apply it themselves. You could put the sun cream on your child before they come to school, then you know they are protected from the sun.

The weather can be unpredictable so please remember to send your child with a coat, just in case it starts to rain!



SCHOOL TRIPS!

Year 1 will be going to the Rainbow Factory in Leeds for an exciting and magical experience in the art of storytelling.

Upper Site will go on Tuesday 18th July and the Lower Site on Wednesday 19th July.

Year 2 will be going to Lytham St Annes on Thursday 6th July as part of their seaside topic.



Goodbye and good luck!



May we take this opportunity to say good bye and good luck to the Year 2 children who will be leaving us as they move onwards and upwards into the juniors having had a successful two years with us in KS1! We wish them all the luck for the future. Well done Year 2!

What's going on in Year One?



Our topic is Can you grow a beanstalk on the moon?



Within History, the children will be learning about the famous astronaut, Neil Armstrong. We will learn about why he is famous and will learn about the rocket he flew to the moon in. We will then compare his rocket to modern day space shuttles and describe how they have changed. After that, we will design and make our own rockets that the alien in our story, 'The Way Back Home', could use to get home.

Literacy: As part of our topic about growing we will be learning how to write instructions for planting a bean. Pupils will learn how to use 'bossy' (imperative) verbs to instruct Jack how to plant a bean. You could help your child by looking at instructions used around the home and identifying the language used. As our topic progresses we will be reading the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers which is about a little boy who helps an alien to get back home. We will use Talk for Writing strategies to learn this story which we will then adapt to create our own stories.

Maths: This half term we will be learning about multiplication and division. As part of this work we will learn what multiplication and division mean and how we can multiply and divide using objects and pictures. We will be using vocabulary such as *groups of*, *lots of*, *repeated addition*, *divide*, *share* and *equal*. You can help your child at home by sharing everyday objects or food between members of the family. We will continue to learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s which will also help with our multiplication and division work. We will also be using our addition and subtraction skills to answer word problems.

Science: We will be looking at plants in our local environment and will explore what plants need in order to grow. We will go on a walk and look at plants in our locality, focusing on where plants grow. We will also learn about the life cycle of a broad bean and will set up experiments to see which conditions the plants need to germinate and grow. As part of the experiments we will apply our knowledge and understanding to see whether a broad bean could be grown on the moon.



Key words for this topic

plant
sun
water
light

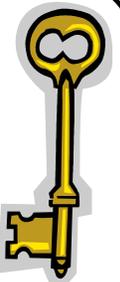
leaf
grow
fuel
design

past
wheel
vehicle
famous

today
move
space
moon

long ago
speed up
rocket
shuttle

engine
slow down
alien
travel



What's to do in Year Two?

Our topic is **The Witches by Roald Dahl**

Did you know that **REAL WITCHES** meet at 'The Grand Hotel' at the seaside every year, where they make wicked plans about the children they so dislike? This half term we will develop our geography skills as we study seaside locations and will also look at how seashores have changed in the past 100 years! In our design technology work we will design a 3D container and prepare our own chips! We are also going on an exciting trip to the seaside – perhaps we will spot some **REAL WITCHES** when we get there...



Literacy: : In Literacy, we are focusing in on correctly punctuated sentences and good spelling! We will start off by writing our own seaside adventure story, then go on to explain how you can spot a witch and finally finish off with some poetry all about the seaside.

Maths: In maths, we will help the REAL WITCHES to make potions and spells to apply our knowledge of capacity. We are also working on estimation to check answers and looking at more formal, written methods of addition and subtraction. Y2 children are expected to be able to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s – if your child could practise these at home in fun situations like steps round the garden, climbing the stairs, counting seats on a bus etc, this would be really helpful. We will also be applying our knowledge of the four operations by solving worded problems.

Science: We are continuing our unit about plants this term. So far, we have looked at the life cycle of plants and planted our own seeds and bulbs. We will extend this by looking at the different plants that we eat and how plants grow. See if your child can spot any plants that we eat the next time you are at the supermarket! Can you grow your own plants to eat? We will also look at the different plants that grow by, and in, the sea.

Key words for this topic



seaside
capacity
beach
seaweed

ocean
tide
lifeboat
sealife

movement
jetty
rock pool
hotel

witch
coast
island
ice cream

