



ASH GREEN EXPRESS

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. It is great to see everyone refreshed and ready to learn. There's lots of exciting things going on in KS1 this term! Keep up to date with all information on our website www.ashgreen.info or follow us on Twitter @AshGreenPrimary

Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

January 2018

Monday 12th February
Parents' Evening

Friday 16th February
Break up for Half term

Monday 26th February
School begins again

Key Stage 1 Trips

Year 1 will be visiting Abbey House Museum in Leeds where they will experience a Victorian street and find out all about Victorian houses.
Lower site: Tuesday 6th February
Upper site: Wednesday 7th February

Year 2 will be visiting Shibden Hall on Wednesday 14th February to learn all about the Great Fire of London. This exciting workshop will give the children the chance to see, make and do things as if they were living at the time of the Great Fire! Trip will take place during school time.

Winter Weather!

It may be a new year, but winter is far from over! Please keep an eye on the forecast and ensure children have appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing for wet, cold or even snowy weather!



LIBRARY VISITS!

Over the next term, all of our children will visit the new central library in Halifax to explore what it has to offer and enjoy a story! We will also have a guided tour of the Piece Hall. Trips will take place during school time and will be free of charge!



Thank you

The KS1 team would like to thank you all for your support towards the Christmas Concerts. The children worked incredibly hard and the performance drew many positive comments from parents, staff and governors.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Year 1 – Friday 16th February

Year 2 – Friday 26th January

Performances will be at 9:05 in the school hall.



What's going on in Year One?

Our topic is *Hansel and Gretel*

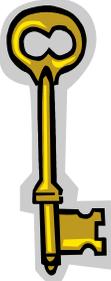


This half term we will be looking at homes from the past and linking this to Hansel and Gretel. We will be learning about what homes were like a long time ago and how they are different from our homes today. We will compare the Witch's house to modern homes and participate in a Victorian wash-day afternoon, using old items like dolly tubs and rubbing boards to wash items of clothing! You could help your child by looking around your home and discussing why it is different from homes a long time ago. You could also look at stories like Cinderella that contain images of old homes.

Literacy: We are going to be studying the text 'Hansel and Gretel'. We will be exploring the setting and characters and using lots of role-play and speaking and listening activities to better our understanding. We will be thinking about how to structure simple stories, with a beginning, middle and end and will develop a simple problem to be solved. You could support your child by describing characters and settings in different stories and discussing problems faced by characters and how they are overcome.

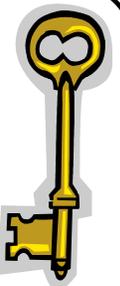
Maths: This half term we will continue to learn how to read and write two-digit numbers (10-99) and use practical resources to understand what each digit represents. We will be learning to add and take away a single digit from a two-digit number. You can help your child by asking them to read numbers in the environment such as price tags or bus numbers. We will be naming and describing the properties of common 2D and 3D shapes and be learning to recognise and use money. You could help at home by looking at different coins and letting your child count out coins to pay for small items.

Science: We are going to be learning about different materials such as metal, wood and rubber. We will be naming commonly used materials and describing their properties by thinking about how they look and feel. It would be helpful if you could find objects made from different materials around the home and describe them. You could also talk about why certain materials are used to make particular objects.



Key words for this topic

suddenly	material	fabric	then	plot	character
plastic	wood	metal	next	bendy	stretchy
fold	soft	rough	smooth	good	setting
meanwhile	house	address	bad		



What's to do in Year Two?

Our topic is **FIRE!**

Through the *Animals of Farthing Wood*, we will learn a story about fire and then we will travel back in time to the year 1666 to witness *The Great Fire of London!* We will be using information, resources and drama to find out **how** the fire started, **what** happened and **why**. This will link to investigative work into materials and their properties. You could help your child by visiting the local library or using the internet to research more about the Great Fire of London and the diaries of **Samuel Pepys**. In our art and design work we will use to clay to make 3D fire sculptures and we will have a go at making our own Tudor houses.



Literacy: : This half term we will spend some time practising skills such as writing questions, exclamations and captions. Our focus text is 'The Animals of Farthing Wood: Fire!' and we will complete character based work and write our own stories. We will then move onto to information texts where we will be asking **who, what, why, when and where** in order to research the Great Fire of London. We will look at the layout of information texts and use the glossary and index to locate information. Then we use all of our new skills to write information texts about the Great Fire of London. You could help your child by sharing information books and encouraging them to ask (and find the answer to!) their own questions.

Maths: This half term we will be mastering mental maths facts including doubles, halves and the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will explore patterns in number in order to visualise number pairs and arrays. We will link multiplication to division and begin to look at sharing out amounts and using the \div sign in calculations.

Science: We are going to expand upon the materials work completed in Year 1 and will identify and discuss the uses of everyday materials, investigating how objects can be made from more than one material – or the same material can be used to make different objects! We will look at the properties of materials and why they are suited to particular uses, then move onto looking at how materials can be changed by bending, twisting, stretching or squashing.

Key words for this topic

Samuel Pepys

adventure

1666

past

bridge

order

manufactured

material

natural

character

multiplication

division

flammable

London

setting

diary

