

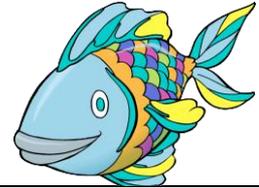
Ash Class Newsletter Autumn 2019 1st half term

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school! I hope that you have had a wonderful, restful Summer holiday! I am enjoying getting to know the children and hearing all about what they have been doing in their holidays. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term with a lot happening. Please check your child's book bag and Home School Journal for letters and information about future events. If you have any worries or concerns, please come to speak to me.

Our Topics for this term will be Under the Sea in the first half term and Show Time! after half term.

As much as possible, all subjects will be taught linked to these topics. Please see the Topic Web on our school website for more information.



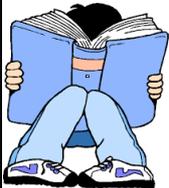
Book bags, Reading and Home School Journals

Please ensure your child brings in their book bag **every day** so that letters and pieces of work reach you safely.

Your child will have been given a new Home School Journal for the Autumn term.



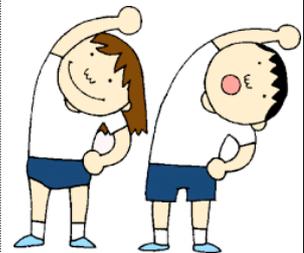
Home School Journals are also a good form of communication between home and school, if you are unable to come in and speak to your child's teacher. We check the Home School Journals for messages every day.



Children in Year 1 will be given reading books at the beginning of term. We check with the children daily to ensure that they have a regular supply of reading books to bring home. The children are invited to change their reading book when it has been read at home at least twice. Please tick or sign the journal when the book has been read (ideally at least three times a week), write the book's title and a small comment about your child's reading. If you find that your child's book is not changed, please write a note in the Home School Journal to let us know so that we can make sure it is changed. Children in Reception will be given resources relating to their learning in phonics initially, with reading books to follow when they are ready.

PE Sessions P.E days are Tuesday and Friday

To help your child with these sessions please ensure they wear clothes that enable them to dress and undress themselves independently. Please ensure their clothes are **named** to help us match up any left-over clothes at the end of the session. It is easier for the children if they do not wear earrings on P.E days, but if this is unavoidable, please provide microporous tape so that the earrings can be covered.



Reception achievements

We will be sending home a slip for you to fill in to share your child's achievements at home or outside school.

Lost Property

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Any lost items we find will be put in a lost property box in our cloakroom.

Homework

Year 1 children will bring home their homework on Fridays and it is due back on the following Wednesday. Children in Reception will be given a small amount of homework later in the term.

Autumn/Winter weather

As the weather inevitably becomes cooler, your child will need to have a coat at school every day. Please remember that we encourage the children to be as independent as possible, so it would be helpful if they are able to fasten their coat themselves. It would also be helpful if they could have a pair of named wellies to keep at school, as they will often play on the school field.

Please send your child with a named water bottle containing fresh water every day.

Dates

Parent's Evenings will be held on Tuesday 8th October and Thursday 10th October. The meetings will be to discuss how your child has settled into school. More details about these to follow.

Show and Tell

We love hearing the children talk about their learning outside of school and Show and Tell provides children with an opportunity to share things they find or do. Please see your child's Home School Journal for more information. For children in Reception, Show and Tell will start next term.



Calling all parent helpers!

If you would like to help in our class, please let us know! It could be for a regular weekly session or just a one-off. We warmly welcome parents into the classroom to read with the children, help them change their books, playing English and Maths games and other fun jobs in the classroom!

I will be teaching all week and Mr Green from Premier Sport and Mrs Pearce will be teaching on Tuesday mornings during my planning and admin time.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind regards, Mrs Swift