

## Early Years

13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### News and Reminders

We hope you have all had a super summer holiday and are ready for your child's first term in Ash or Alder class. It has been wonderful to see your children settling into 'big school' really well and demonstrating great sharing and turn taking skills with their new class mates and friends. This is the first of our fortnightly bulletins about what is happening in Early Years. We aim to include important information about what is happening and share our amazing learning with you.

#### Ash class weekly PE slots:

Inside PE - Tuesday Outside PE - Wednesday

#### Alder class weekly PE slots:

Inside PE - Wednesday Outside PE - Friday

We will keep PE kits in school throughout each half term.

Please ensure all children's belongings are clearly named.

Ash class weekly Forest school slot: Wednesday morning.

Alder class weekly Forest school slot: Thursday morning.

Please bring your child dressed in in their kit. Their school

### Homework

#### Ash class home learning:

Wb. 9<sup>th</sup> September:

Literacy - Make up a story about you and a friend going to the park. Tell it to an adult at home.

Wb. 16<sup>th</sup> September:

Maths - How many toys can you hold in your hands? Count them carefully. Challenge question: Can you hold more or fewer smaller toys?

#### Alder class home learning:

Wb. 9<sup>th</sup> September:

Literacy - Explain to your parents what makes a good friend and tell them why you are a good friend. See if you can think of at least 3 things.

Wb. 16<sup>th</sup> September:

Maths- Can you find 10 objects around the house? Count

uniform should be in a clearly named bag.

them carefully. Challenge: Can you find 20 objects?

## Our Learning

### Wow Day

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September Ash and Alder class had their first WoW day to kick start their topics. Ash class learnt all about themselves starting with some familiar songs where they had to identify different body parts, keep moving and turn into penguins! They then tested their keen sense of smell by sniffing ginger, cinnamon, coffee and chocolate powders. They had to decide if they liked them and if they could tell me what they were. Imogen said the ginger powder smelt like "the gingerbread man!" and Louie told me the cinnamon smelt "like a bakery". Inaaya knew that coffee is "what grown-ups drink" and lots of the children made sure they took a good few sniffs of the chocolate powder ... just to double check they weren't dreaming. In the afternoon Ash class had to paint themselves or a friend using the big paper and paint pots, they did a brilliant job of turn taking if their friend had the paintbrush they needed.



In Alder class we began learning about Amy Johnson, we learnt all about the Gipsy Moth plane and even designed our own. There were some lovely designs, all unique and full of colour. We also made paper aeroplanes; the children had to follow instructions to make the planes before testing them out. We then became pilots and went outside to throw our planes and we measured the distance they could fly. We discussed how we knew that our planes went the furthest. In the afternoon we painted pictures of our friends and talked about what makes us different.

### Maths

Ash and Alder are spending the first two weeks learning to identify and represent numbers to 10 and using lots of counting songs to help us.

### Read Write Inc.

We will be starting our formal phonics lessons on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Your child has been grouped according to the sounds they know and will be learning their initial sounds, or starting to blend their sounds to read simple words. They will continue to come home with wordless books until they are confident and fluent at blending and reading words. Please encourage your child to tell you a story based around what they can see in the pictures. Please continue to share any other stories with your child at home to create a love of storytelling.

### Literacy

Our focus in Literacy for Ash class is reading and recognising our name. We have begun to mark make and are beginning to form the letters in our name correctly, holding our pencil in a secure grip. In Alder class we have also been making posters for finding friends and looking at poems about friends.

### **Superstar Learners**

It has been great to see so many star moments returning to the classroom already.  
Well done Millie for moving up to level 3 in your swimming.  
Well done Thomas for trying new activities such as bodyboarding and golf.

### **Diary Dates**

20<sup>th</sup> September - Early Years Coffee Morning 9-10am. *Come and chat about what your child will be learning in Reception. Meet with other parents and have a coffee.*

Well done Mahi for learning to count up to 30.  
Well done to Sophie H. and Ellie for helping each other to settle into the classroom when mummy and daddy dropped you off.

Well done to Fletcher and Dylan for showing great balancing skills in PE.

Well done Ella-Rose for putting on her shoes and doing them up all by herself.

Well done Callum for getting dressed by himself and tidying his bedroom ready for school.

Well done Aadiya for playing with her brother even though she was tired!

Well done Xavi for being brave when he had a nose bleed, he was very calm and grown up. Mummy and Daddy were very proud of you.