



# Ash Class



## Summer 2



### Summer is here!

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year! Ash class are very fortunate to have a newly decorated and carpeted classroom to spend the final term of the year in. The classroom now looks so much fresher and is an even more exciting space to learn in. Please pop in to take a look if you can.

Last term was a particularly short one and yet packed full of lots of wonderful learning opportunities. A huge well done to the Year 2 children in Ash Class who completed their SATS papers in the final weeks of the half term. I am incredibly proud of how sensibly and maturely they all worked. The papers will be used to support the teacher assessment of the children's progress at the end of Key Stage 1. Next will be the turn of our Year 1 boys and girls who will take part in a phonics screen later in the month. See more details below.

One of the highlights of last term was our 'values day' held on the very last day of term. The children were able to spend time in their teams taking part in activities to help them understand what it actually means to 'Care, Build, Follow and Think'. It was wonderful to see the children working together as teams and with others they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to. The morning really helped to foster the feeling of our school 'family' and was enjoyed by staff and children alike.



Ash class have been busy learning about significant individuals in American history and should now be experts Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong! We have also been learning Neil Armstrong's famous quote as he stepped onto the moon for the first time. Ask your child if he or she can tell you what he said! We are looking forward to wowing you with all of our learning in our class assembly towards the end of June (see dates for the diary below)

This term is always a very busy one with lots to pack in, including our sports day which promises to be as much fun as last year. Towards the end of June we will start to prepare the children for the move into their new class in September. The children will spend 2 days in the class they will be in in September getting to know their teacher and new classmates. This is always a really valuable day for both staff and children and should help to build confidence and a sense of excitement for September as well as allaying any anxieties. Please do not hesitate to ask should you have any questions.

## Numeracy

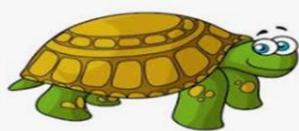


We will begin the half term by learning about Place Value. The children will be learning how to represent 2 digit numbers in different ways including pictures and apparatus. We will also be securing our knowledge of counting backwards from any number up to and beyond 100. Please take any opportunity at home to practise this with your child.

We will also complete a unit of work on problem solving. We will look at a different problem each day and learn how to break the problem into small steps by pulling out the relevant information. This will help to consolidate this skill that the children have been practising all year.



## Literacy



This term Ash class will be learning the story 'How the Tortoise got his shell'. We will even be joined by a special visitor to help capture the children's imaginations! We will also use the Tinga Tinga Tales and 'How the Whale Became' by Ted Hughes as a stimulus for writing. The children will then innovate and invent their own story using the same story structure. Be prepared to hear some imaginative and inventive ideas explaining how animals became as they are! Perhaps you could even spend some time inventing some stories of your own with your child?

The children will continue to practise handwriting on a daily basis using Kinetic Letters. Our Year 2 boys and girls will begin to learn how to join letters. Ash class will also continue to be taught the specific skills for reading in small, guided groups a minimum of 3 times a week in our 'Book Talk' sessions.

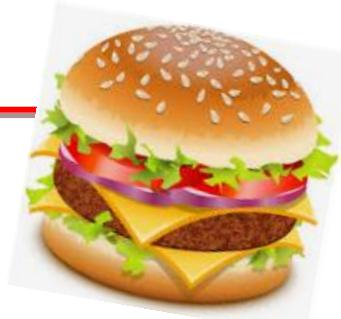
## Learning Journey – 'America'



We will be continuing with our topic 'America' this term which will culminate with an Independence Day party towards the end of term which we would like to invite you to. Our school sports day is scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July so our party will be somewhat belated! Please see below for the date.

At the party, you will hopefully be able to sample a delicious healthy burger meal designed and made by your child. As part of our topic, Ash class will be learning what humans, including animals, need to survive and the importance of exercise and a balanced diet. The children will learn about different food types and the food pyramid and then plan their own balanced meal.

Ash class will also be learning to identify the parts of the human body including which part is associated with which sense.





## Warm Weather

Now that the warmer weather is finally here please make sure that your child has a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream to allow them to stay well-hydrated and protected from the sun.

## PE

Our timetabled days for PE this term will continue to be on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**. **Year 2** boys and girls will also need their kit in school for tennis lessons on **Thursdays**. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days including kit for both outdoor and indoor PE.

## 5x Reading Challenge

Please continue to support your child's learning at home by reading with them daily, even if it is only for 5 minutes each day. Ash class haven't won the reading challenge trophy for being the class to read the most at home for some time. Let's see if we can change that this term!

## Collective Worship

Our next Ash Class Worship will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 pm when we will WOW you with some of our learning. All are warmly invited to come along and join us.

Mon – Singing Worship Tues/Wed – Whole Sch Worship Thur – Class Worship Fri – Special Awards  
Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at 2:40. We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award?

## Dates for the diary

- Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics Screening
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup>&Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Days in new class
- Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June – Ash Class worship@2.30
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Ash Class independence Day party
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July – End of year reports sent home
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Graduation@2.30
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – End of year Church service

## Year 1 Phonics Screening

During the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June, year 1 pupils throughout the country will be taking part in a screen to assess their progress in Phonics.

This will be carried out in school in a very relaxed and informal way on a 1 to 1 basis with a familiar member of staff. Please do not hesitate to ask should you have any more questions about this.

