

Ash Class



Summer 2 2020



Home School Superstars!

I cannot believe that we are already at the start of the last term of this academic year! I don't know about you but last term seemed to fly by just as quickly as it would if we were in school (some of you may disagree!) An enormous thank you from me for all of your amazing efforts in teaching your wonderful children at home. I have missed teaching my class enormously but one thing that has made it seem easier is knowing that you are all doing such a superb job in getting on board with the home planners. I have loved seeing all of the fantastic work from home each week and I have been thrilled to see that the children are continuing to make such good progress despite not being in school. It is certainly not easy and I am sure you have had some tough days (as we sometimes have in the Wilson household!) but please know that each one of your efforts is really appreciated. A huge thank you to all of you who have allowed your children to join in with Zoom calls and have taken the time to write letters back to me. I have just loved seeing all of the children's faces (even though the technology has made it tricky to hear each other at times!) and reading all of the lovely letters. Both have meant so much.

As I write this, the future for us at school seems very uncertain and we are still unsure about how things will pan out for the rest of the term. What we do know is that we may face the challenge of some pupils of Ash class returning to school while others remain at home. Although I am still unable to return to school for the time being, please know that I remain fully committed to ensuring that each child receives the best support possible during this difficult time and will do all that I can to ensure that we ride out this challenge as best we can. As with the last term's newsletter, there will be much this term that I am unable to tell you but I will do my best to outline what I can. One thing I do know is that the children and families of Ash class remain amazing. That is one thing at least that has not changed!



Learning Quest

Our Learning Quest this term is entitled 'Nature is Art' and is focused on the work of the famous artist Andy Goldsworthy. Mrs DeLo and I have worked together to try and design the unit of work so that it can be used by the pupils returning to school as well as those still learning at home. The unit is very 'hands on' and promises to be lots of fun giving the children the opportunity to be as creative as they can.

The children will begin by finding out some information about Andy Goldsworthy. Some may already be familiar with him as Mrs DeLo and I are big fans and have shared his work with them in the past! The children will then go on to evaluating some of the artwork, giving reasons for their opinions before trying to re-create a favourite piece of work. The children will learn about the differences between 2D and 3D art and also the difference between man-made materials and natural materials.

Our learning destination is to design, create and evaluate a piece of art work using natural materials. The sky is the limit. This should hopefully provide the children with the opportunity to do lots of wonderful outdoor learning in the safety of the garden in the warmer weather months. I cannot wait to see some of the creations!

Dates for the diary

Summer Term 2

*Please note that we may be able to share more dates and events with you as the term progresses

Friday 17th July – End of Summer Term 2

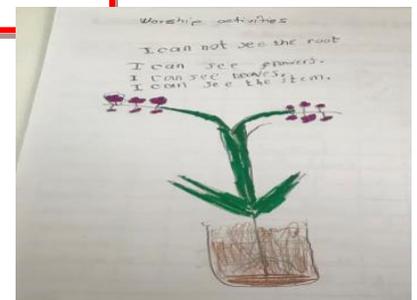


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This term Ash class will be answering the question '*How should we care for the world and for others and why does it matter?*'

As they move through the unit, the children will be exploring what Christian, Jewish and non-religious people believe about caring for others and how they show this. They will learn about the life of Mother Teresa and the 'Golden Rule' for religious and non-religious people: Treat other people as you would like them to treat you.

By the end of the unit of learning, the children will be able to make connections by giving good reasons why religious and non-religious people should care for others and look after the natural world.



Collective Worship

Never has it been so important to ensure that the spiritual well-being of our children is well-catered for. Collective worship underpins everything we do at Cottingham C of E and is a big part of our daily school life. We have been keen to ensure that this is continued at home with a bespoke home worship planner. Please do take the time to look at the themes for each week and the creative ideas you can use at home as a family during this time. There is also a weekly song/hymn which should be familiar to your child. Again, I would love to see any tweets/emails of how worship is being incorporated at home.

