

## Off to a flying start!

I am very excited to welcome the children back after our half term break. Our first term was very busy but so much fun with our Harvest celebrations and visit to the Rooftop Arts Centre to name just a few of the activities we took part in. All of the children have settled brilliantly back into our routines and are choosing their own learning with confidence and enthusiasm. As well as working in focus groups with an adult throughout the week, the children are given learning challenges in the environment which help to build on their learning.

As Christmas approaches, this term will also be very busy. In past years it has been tradition for us to produce a Key Stage 1 Nativity play however Covid restrictions over the past 18 months have given us the opportunity to rethink how we do this in school. Our aim is to still mark this very important celebration so that none of the meaning and significance is lost. Children will still learn this story of the Nativity but will present it in their own, very unique way. We will be sure to share any learning with you via Tapestry. Watch this space!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries using the following email: [cawilson@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:cawilson@cottinghamprimary.co.uk)

## Significant person

This term we will be learning about the actor, martial artist and philosopher Bruce Lee. Undoubtedly one of the most mesmerising cultural icons of this century, who has inspired many people around the world not just with his acting and incredible martial arts moves, but also his philosophical thoughts. This learning will link with our Geography based learning about China.



**Class: Ash**

**Term: 2**



## Homework

Maths homework for the children will be set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Daily reading is vital and is also part of your child's homework. If you can, please pop a note in your child's reading record to show what you have read at home. You will also receive a spelling overview for this term. While these are not 'tested' in the traditional way each week, please enable your child to learn them in



## Quest: Let's Go to China

The quest this term is Geography based. We will begin with a day in which the children are immersed in Chinese culture. They will have the opportunity to try Chinese food, dancing and listen to Chinese music. The children will go on to learn about the human and physical features of China and what makes it different to our own locality. The children will use all of the learning to produce a travel guide.



## PE days

This term, PE for Year 1 children will continue to take place on a Monday and Friday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE may take place outdoors, therefore we advise that children wear a red hoodie for warmth. Please ensure that **ALL** clothing is clearly named as we still have a significant amount of clothing that is being lost/misplaced every day.



## Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **respect and empathy** through our collective worship. We will also be marking remembrance in November and exploring the Nativity story in a variety of ways towards the end of the term. Celebration worships take place every Friday, where some children will be awarded with certificates. Parents are welcome to join us in school at 2.45pm every Friday, we look forward to seeing you!

## Homework ideas

Please see below a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home:

Use a preferred style of art to create a picture which depicts the four seasons.

Find out about the seasons using

<https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-seasons/>

Go out for a walk and collect some clues which help to

## Book recommendation of the term

This term in Ash class we will be looking at the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. This is a beautifully illustrated wordless book which tells the tale of a girl on an elaborate flight of fancy. We read the book in our Reading Pledge time last term and it has very quickly become a firm favourite among the children. We love the book because with each page the more closely we look, the more is revealed. It is highly recommended by both the children and adults of Ash class alike!

