

Cottingham CofE Primary School

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the first term of 2022. I am excited to see all of the children again and to hear their exciting news about the Christmas break which I'm sure by now already seems like a distant memory! If you haven't already done so, please check out the videos of our Key stage 1 nativity on Tapestry. We were disappointed that we were not able to Zoom as planned but hopefully the videos will give you a taste of how brilliantly the children were able to tell the story of the first Christmas.

I am looking forward to the new term and all that lies on store for Ash class. As you will know, the children took part in some end of term assessments for reading writing and maths and I was extremely proud of and encouraged by the progress made by all in the Autumn term.

Our Year 2 boys and girls will be experiencing their first every overnight school trip to Beaumanor in the final week before half term. I am sure that they will be feeling a mixture of both nerves and excitement...and that is just the staff! It is such an honor to be able to be part of this special experience and is something I have missed over the past few years because of covid.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries using the following email:
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Significant person

This term we will be learning about Charles Dickens. Charles Dickens was a famous English writer. He wrote many books, including Oliver Twist and Scrooge.



When Dickens was a child his family were very poor.

When he became famous, only rich people could afford to buy books. Dickens published his stories in sections in (cheaper) magazines so poorer people could read them.

Class: Ash

Term: 3



Homework

Maths homework for the children will be set on MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. The work is matched as closely as possible to consolidate what has been taught in class that week and it is important that children complete this along with Times Table Rockstars for our Year 2 children. Please do read with your child every day as daily reading has such an impact on both reading and writing.



Quest: Toy Story

How have toys changed over time?

This History based quest promises to be very exciting. The children will be able to talk about their favourite toys and compare them with those played with by family members in the past. How have they changed and more importantly, why? We hope that children will learn lots about changes in national life.



PE days

This term, PE for Ash class 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 this will encourage the children to take responsibility for the significant amount of clothing that is lost/misplaced every day.



Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **honesty and self-esteem** through our collective worship.

Revered Amanda will be leading us in our worship every every fortnight. Celebration worships take place every Friday, where some children will be awarded with certificates. At the time of writing, parents of the award winners **only** are welcome to join us in school at 2.45pm every Friday however, this is subject to change with the ever-changing trust and government guidelines. We will aim to communicate any changes to you.

Homework ideas

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

- ◆ Find out about the toys that your parents and grandparents played with when they were the same age as you. Can you find some pictures of what the toys looked like? How are they the same/different to the toys you play with?
- ◆ Sort your toys into groups. You can decide how you sort them, e.g. new and old or wheels and no wheels or which material they are made from.

Book recommendation of the term

If you are looking for a good book to read with your child then Ash class would highly recommend 'Jack and the Flum-Flum Tree' by Julia Donaldson which has become a firm favourite during our reading pledge times. As with many of her other books, Julia Donaldson uses rhyme and repetition throughout which the children love to join in with and helps to build their fluency and expression. The book is fun to read and the children love to laugh at the twists and turns of the plot. We love it!

