



P.P.S. Ash Class

September 2024
Autumn Term

'How we used to live' & 'What makes me special'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Ash Class, I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and enjoyed the sunshine! I am very excited to meet your children and look forward to meeting you too, as the weeks progress.

We will be undertaking lots of exciting learning this term, some of which is outlined in this letter.

English

In English we will be looking at the story "How to wash a Woolly Mammoth" and children will initially be thinking about the steps—the instructions—given and how they are sequenced by acting them out. This helps them have a strong understanding of the sequence of events in a story. Towards the end of the unit we always encourage children to develop their own ideas. The children will also start to learn some of the key building blocks of writing the language—what certain words do, for example verbs and adjectives—as well as basic punctuation. Please do not worry if you do not see your child using these things in their free writing, just encourage them to write if they want to!

Some of the books we will be looking at include: The Girl, the bear and the Magic Shoes/Donaldson, A dress with pockets/Murray, Here we are/Jeffers and Perfectly Norman/Percival.

Maths

In maths we will be working on place value, working within ten, counting 1:1 and

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grouping and sorting objects. We will be looking and addition and subtraction and children will be working within numbers to ten—reading them, writing them and learning what they look like pictorially. You can help your child by pointing out numbers as you go around town, or at home. For example, 6 eggs, 2 shoes, 4 bowls on the table etc.

Some of the books we will be using include Ten in a bed/Dale, One is a snail/Sayle and Ten Black dots/Crews

Science

In Science we will be thinking about animals, how and where they live, what identifies them (eg they have fur) and what they eat. This links to our animals at school who we will be observing and working with.

We will also be thinking about seasonal changes and observing what happens in our natural landscape when the seasons change.

History:

We will be thinking about how we live now and how that has changed in terms of everyday life—how we wash, cook and keep things cool. You will notice our outside area has some unusual objects in it which we will be using as "primary evidence" During Petworth Week we will be linking with the Petworth Society as usual and will be looking at how Petworth has changed over the years. We will also be walking around Petworth and looking at how it has changed, for example where the old school, courts and other shops once stood.

Art

We will be drawing ourselves, and our friends, using a variety of different materials and papers.

Computing

We will be using the computers, laptops and tablets regularly in class but during discrete computing lessons we will be thinking about technology all around us and how we use it.



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PSHE

We will be thinking about families and what makes up a family—as well as the similarities or differences in our families.

Some of the books we will use are: The Family Book/Parr, Love makes a family/Beer and Belonging/Baker

RE

Learning about the Creation story—Who made the world? And then in the second half-term we will be exploring, Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Music

Thinking about beat—we will be listening to music and finding the beat, as well as making music as we explore rhythm.

PE

Multiskills and dance. Our P.E. lessons are Tuesday (Forest School) and Thursday. On both days children may come to school in P.E. kit. If you have a puddle suit/waterproof trousers and wellies for your child, please send it in with them on a Tuesday as we will be outside doing outdoor learning activities as part of our Forest School curriculum.

Please do come and see us if you have any questions,

With thanks, Mrs Wiggs, Mrs Durrant and Miss Smith

Important reminders:

*P.E. is **Tuesday and Thursday** —Please come to school WEARING PE kit. We do not change at school.

*We do a lot of our learning outside, so please make sure children have a named coat at school once Autumn sets in. You may also wish to provide wellingtons for wearing when we work with the animals.

*Home learning is sent home on a Thursday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please help your children complete as many tasks as you feel appropriate for them.

*Our Reading suitcases will be sent home on a Thursday and should be returned on a Monday. The suitcases contain a blanket, small teddy, some chocolate and hot chocolate and a reading book. These are sent as books just to enjoy as a family—your child may want to snuggle up and read it alone, or perhaps you can snuggle up with them and read them the book. We hope you will enjoy some cosy time sharing books together! Children will be asked to share their thoughts about the book on Mondays.

*We try to cook and use the produce from the polytunnel as much as possible. If your child has food allergies and intolerances, please make sure this is on the forms held by the Office.

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