



P.P.S. Ash Class

January 2024
Spring Term

“You are what you eat” and “All Aboard”

Dear Parents

Welcome back! After a busy Christmas term and an exciting Christmas holiday, we are raring to go. Our learning will be heavily focussed on Geography this term—initially thinking about the world and different countries, and then focussing on our own local area and thinking about the South Downs and how the landscape around us is used — for farming particularly. As part of this, and as our starting point, we will be visiting Goodwood Farm to find out about the animals that are reared and how they are helping to maintain the special landscape as well as produce food. More details will follow!

In **English** we are reading the book “Stanley’s Stick”, which is a wonderful tale about a little boy using his imagination to play. Children will be finding sticks and will be encouraged to play in a creative and imaginative way with them. We will be using the cameras to take and print photos, and will be writing our own stories about sticks. We will also be writing lists and instructions as part of cooking.

After half term, we start to focus on the local area. We will be reading “The Disgusting Sandwich” and writing about our own sandwiches, which we will make and eat.

In **Maths** we will be continuing to work

on addition and subtraction, place value and multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will be continuing to learn to count, read and write numbers to twenty and higher. Children will be learning about tens and ones and will be able to solve problems using larger numbers.

Our **Art & Design and DT** will take on a global theme across the term, with Aboriginal art, African Kente cloth and printing to make a collaborative piece of art. Children will investigate which materials print well and how they can create different effects. The children will be thinking about their use of colour, making new colours and investigating how best to use a paintbrush to create different effects.

Our DT will focus on key skills such as cutting and joining using staples, glue, tape and knots.

In **Science** we will be thinking about the changes in the seasons, how plants grow and some of the animals and insects that we start to see around us as the weather warms up.

We will be spending a lot of our outdoor learning time in the allotments and polytunnel, planting up for the next season so please ensure that children come in old clothes for forest school/outdoor learning. During these sessions we will also be thinking about our climate and the seasons as well as continuing to cook and use simple tools.



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Our **Tuesday P.E.** sessions will focus on ball skills, teamwork and coordination.

In **Geography** we will be thinking about different parts of our country as well as other countries. We will learn the names of the continents and oceans as well as the Equator and poles, and how they are different due to their location.

In **Computing** the children will be using Beebots to navigate and creating simple sets of instructions to program their robot. This knowledge will be applied as they learn about countries in the world and whether they are in the North, South, East or West. After half term children will be collecting data and learning how to group and sort it.

Weekly reminders:

P.E.—Tuesday

Forest School/Outdoor learning—
Thursday

Home learning is set on a Thursday.

Please do help us by reading with your child at least five times a week.

This is a great time to spend together and gives them a chance to show you how they are developing as readers. If they do not want to read their school book, ANY reading is fine, whether that is the newspaper, a magazine, a recipe

or a book from home. The benefits of children enjoying reading and being encouraged to read are well documented and we hope that, with your support, these children will develop a love of reading.

All the home learning links to learning in class, so please encourage your child to “have a go” on their own and then talk you through what they have done. This is really important for embedding good learning habits, which will be used across the school.

Phonics continues to be a real focus for this as we approach the Phonics Screening Check in June. Please use the spellings to support your child in their practice of the weekly sounds. If they are a confident reader they could practice writing words containing the sounds.

Following parental feedback spellings will now also be set on the Spelling shed as well as on paper. Please look in Reading Journals for the login, which should be there with their Numbots login.

Goodwood Farm visit— 4th March 2024

Mrs Wiggs and Mrs Durrant.