



P.P.S. Ash Class

April 2022
Summer Term

“Toys” and “No one is too small...”

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Summer Term in Ash Class, there will be lots going on!

As usual, we will be consolidating our learning using retrieval techniques—essentially practising and revisiting learning from the Autumn and Spring. This is to ensure the children are completely secure in the foundations of their learning before they continue into Year 2. Home learning tasks will be things they are already familiar with and things they have learned before.

In **Maths** we will be looking at multiplication through groups and arrays. We will continue to count in 2, 5 and 10 which also supports their understanding of patterns in maths and multiplication. We will be working on understanding numbers to 50 and then to 100. We will also be looking at fractions, money, position and direction and time. As usual we will be developing the children’s understanding through problem solving questions and

getting them to explain how they know what they know.

In **English** our texts link closely to our topic of “Toys” - “The Velveteen Rabbit”, “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane”, “Lost in the Toy Museum” and “Toys in Space”. The children will be writing their own adventure story based on stories they have been read. After half term we will be looking at our environmental impact through texts such as “Somebody swallowed Stanley” and non fiction texts about the environment and how we can all positively impact the world.

In **History** we will be thinking about how toys have changed over the years and it would be wonderful if you could discuss with your child some of the toys you enjoyed as a child and how they are the same, or different, to their own. After half term we will be looking at **Geography** and considering our impact both locally, and on a wider scale, and how small choices we make can have a big impact.

We will be building toys in **DT**, using templates to create simple marionettes, making hand puppets and designing playground equipment. This will develop



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children's cutting skills, problem solving and develop their understanding of ways of connecting materials.

Science will focus on growing and observing plant life. We had great success planting beans in milk carton greenhouses and these can now be planted out. We will be working in our allotment and hope to be able to continue harvesting, cooking and eating what we grow. After the half term we will be thinking about the properties of materials and what they could be used for. Linking to this we will be making 3d sculptures from different materials, for different purposes.

As usual we will have **P.E. on a Wednesday** and this will mainly be outside, so please ensure children have sturdy shoes to wear.

On a **Thursday we will continue Outdoor Learning**—this half term we will be on site working on our growing projects and cooking with what we have grown. After half

term we hope to go to the Forest School site, volunteers dependent. There will be another letter about that shortly.

Homework will be set on a Thursday and it is important that children complete these tasks as they support learning completed in class. Reading should be done, together, at least 5 times a week.

With thanks for your continuing support,
Mrs Wiggs