



# P.P.S. Ash Class

September 2023  
Autumn Term 1



## 'Wow, I'm me!' and 'Where I live/Petworth'

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 Traditional and Fairy tales, and children will initially be acting them and performing them in small groups, which helps them have a strong understanding of the sequence of events in a story. We will be writing for different purposes and following instructions. 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!

Alongside this we will be looking at elements of writing like nouns, verbs and adjectives, and obviously practising our handwriting.

*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/Jeffer's and Perfectly Norman/Percival.*

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### Maths

In maths we will be working on place value, working within ten, counting 1:1 and grouping and sorting objects. We will be looking at 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 will be observing and working with.

### History

During Petworth Week we will be getting out and about in town, looking at the shops and facilities that are available. Some of our role play will be as shopkeepers and this will give them great opportunities for cross curricular linking to maths and English as they can role play shopkeepers, write receipts and converse with their customers!

We will also be learning about Petworth and comparing it to other places in the world so if you have any links to different cities or countries, or have been on a trip somewhere new, please do tell us all about it! We work with the Petworth Society for this unit.

### Art and Design

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



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### 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.

### 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?**

### Music

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

### PE

Multiskills and dance.

### Important reminders:

- \*P.E. is **Wednesday and Thursday** —Please come to school WEARING P.E. 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 Thursdays 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.

Please do come and see us if you have any questions,  
With thanks, Mrs Wiggs and Mrs Durrant

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