



P.P.S. Ash Class

April 2025
Summer Term

“Toys” and “Excellence, Respect and Friendship”

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 include things they are already familiar with and things they have learned before. We will be finishing up our learning of Phonics as we approach the Phonics assessment—please continue to hear children read and use the flashcards to practice, if your child has a set.

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 and using concrete resources to establish firm foundations.

In English our texts link closely to our topic of “Toys” - “The Velveteen Rabbit”, “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane” 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 focussing our learning on the Olympics and looking at non fiction texts on this theme, thinking about inspirational athletes as well as reading Mo Farahs excellent poetry book “Ready, Steady, Mo!”

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 developing our understanding of the world and linking that to the countries competing in the Olympics as well as the values of Excellence, Respect and Friendship.

We will be building in DT and developing our skills cutting, and joining.

In Art we will be looking at the sculptures of



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the artist Giacommetti and making stylised figures based on Olympians.

Our Science will be focussed on Materials and their different properties, such as waterproof, strong, light. We will be looking at the different ways these materials are made and used in the environment.

Computing sees the children continue to develop their keyboard skills, typing, deleting and making new paragraphs as well as logging in. This links to PSHE during which we will be first learning about online safety and then thinking about transitions to new classes, what this might be like, what will stay the same and what will be different.

Mrs Groves will continue to teach on a Friday and in RE will be looking at “What does God look like” and inspiring people.

In Music children will be thinking about “Imagination” to create and interpret musical compositions.

As usual we will have P.E. Tuesday and a Thursday this will mainly be outside, so please ensure children have sturdy shoes to wear. In our 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.

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.

Regular volunteers in class include Miss Scrase, Mr Costello, Mrs Pope and Miss Scallon. With thanks for your continuing support, Mrs Wiggs Miss Smith, Miss Ford and Mrs Diaper.

With thanks for your continuing support,
Mrs Wiggs