

Ash Class Newsletter Autumn 2 2021

English

During this half term, the children will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be focussing on the Captain Cook and writing a diary entry. We have lots of trips planned so this will help us to write recounts. We are looking at writing in 1st and 3rd person, past and present tense, and using joining words to connect our ideas together.

We are working on our presentation skills and letter formation.

Maths

Our main focus this half term will be on addition and subtraction. Year 1 will be focusing on numbers up to 10, moving on to numbers to 20. Year 2 will be adding and subtracting 2 digit and one digit numbers, and crossing the 10s barrier.

We are all focusing on our number bonds – Year 1 all numbers up to 10, and Year 2 extending this to 20 and 100.

Year 1 will be looking at 2d and 3d shape, while Year 2 will spend time looking at money.

History and Geography

As part of our history topic, we will be looking at timelines and making simple timelines of our lives. We will be exploring the life and adventures of Captain James Cook.

Autumn Term 2 Our topic is:

Let's Go on an Adventure

Last half term we had a geography focus and learnt about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom (ask your children to sing you our song), and physical and human features.

This half term we are focusing on the life and adventures of Captain James Cook, having a history focus and learning about timelines.

Design, Technology and Art

Children will be developing their art skills through observational drawings and colour mixing.

In DT, we will be designing and making ships that will be able to float. We will also be baking gingerbread decorations for Christmas.

We will be using computers to design pictures.

Science

This half term we will be learning all about habitats. We have spent a lot of time already discussing a beach habitat ready for our Beach Visit.

In addition, we will discuss the changes from Summer to Autumn, observing and describing the weather changes and noticing how the length of day varies.

RE

This half term we will be focusing on Creation from Understanding Christianity. We will be looking at the festivals of Christmas and Diwali.

Little Wandles/RWI

Year 1 will be learning the code in phonics and finding out about alternative ways to write different phonemes. We are focusing on learning to read our tricky words on sight.

Year 2 are quickly learning different spelling rules including adding suffixes to words. They are using alternative phonemes in their writing.

Events/Reminders

P.E – every Tuesday and Friday. Please come to school ready. You may want to bring a change of clothes for after outdoor PE sessions.

18th November – Beach Trip to Boggle Hole

19th November – Children in Need

29th November – One Snowy Night

3rd December – Lantern Parade

17th December – Close for Christmas

Homework

Homework will be given out on Friday and needs to be returned to school the following Thursday.

Year 2 spellings will be sent home on a Monday to be tested the following Monday as part of our RWI sessions. It is important for your child to read at home as much as possible. Please ask them questions about what they have read to help develop their comprehension and understanding.

Please remember to sign your child's reading record.

Christmas

We will also be doing lots of Christmas activities around our topic work. Watch out on Dojo for Christmas videos as we cannot meet in person to celebrate Christmas this year.

I am always contactable through Dojo.

Mrs Ludlam

