Ash Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and welcome to Year 1! The children have made a fantastic start to Autumn term and have enjoyed getting used to our new routines over the last few days. The children build upon their skills from Foundation stage and there are daily opportunities for them to learn practically They have daily Maths and English lessons each morning and the wider curriculum is delivered in the afternoons.

Staff in Year 1

I am in the classroom every day and supported by Mrs Phipp each day. On Thursday afternoon, the children will be taught by Mrs Hopkin, who covers my PPA time.

Topic

This term we will be working around the question 'Where do we live'. As part of this enquiry, the children will explore atlases, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They will learn about hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries, capital cities and settlements of the United Kingdom. Our science-based enquiry will centre around everyday materials and their uses.

In the second half of the term the children will be exploring the past, thinking about 'Who were our mightiest monarchs'. We will be learning about the role of a monarch, where they have lived long ago and how some of the most famous monarchs have influenced our lives today. As we will be rehearsing for a Christmas production during the later stages of the term, our science work sees us working scientifically, predicting, measuring and recording data about the weather.

Things to Remember

Please can children bring one bag to school, preferably the green Sutton Bonington book bags. We have limited space for rucksacks. The children need to bring their reading packs with them each day, a named water bottle and one snack for morning break if they wish. (Fruit is provided by school)

PE Days

Ash class will have P.E on a Friday afternoon. Please can children come to school in their P, E kit on this day.

Reading Books

Children will be bringing home a phonics book and a reading record as they did last year. Please record when you have shared the phonics book by noting the date and title (and a brief comment). They will be changed once a week, usually on a Friday. All children will be heard read at least twice a week as part of their guided reading sessions.

The children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book. These will be changed on a Friday so only need to be bought back into school on this day.

Homework

Please see the grid that accompanies this newsletter.

Values

This term we will be focusing on what it means to belong. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home.



If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me in school.

Best wishes,

Miss Carte