



# Ash

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Welcome back Ash Class and a Happy New Year to you all!

We have an action packed term ahead looking at Ancient Egypt in History, investigating the Science of light and discovering about important times for Jewish people in RE.

Our ICT will focus on programming where we will be using Scratch to sequence sounds. In Music we will be playing ukuleles and in Art we will be creating animated drawings.

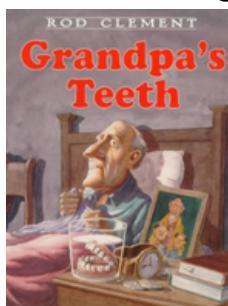
Our History will be enriched by a visit to Haslemere Museum where they have a real Egyptian mummy and we also have a week of swimming lessons at the end of term.



We begin with a model text based on Grandpa's Teeth by Rod Clement. We will work towards writing our own losing tale, focusing on character and dialogue.

We follow this with a non-fiction unit where we learn how to write to persuade.

Our model text will be an advert for Dazzling Demon Dentures!



This term we progress onto measurement, focusing on length, mass and volume.



# Dates for the Diary

05/01/2026: INSET Day - no school

06/01/2026: First Day back

12/01/2026: Open classroom from 2.45pm

21/01/2026: Ash class assembly 9am

30/01/2026: FOSMAS Bounce for books

02/02/2026: Open classroom from 2.45pm

03/02/2026: Y3 trip to Haslemere Museum

09/02/2026: Children's Mental Health Week

09/02/2026: Y3 swimming week

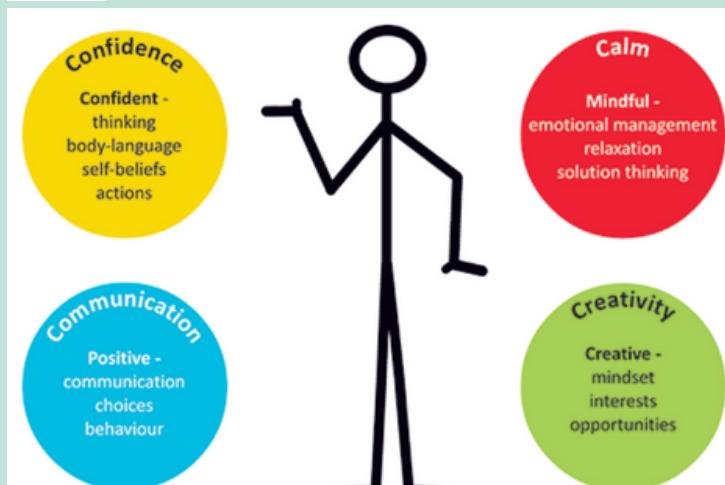
13/02/2026: Last day of term

23/02/2026: INSET Day - no school

24/02/2026: Back to school



At SMAS we learn to use the Trickbox tricks to help with emotional management and personal development.



For more information, go to <https://trickbox.co.uk>

## How to help at home...

### Literacy

Hear your child read and also read to your child. The benefits of reading to children include developing their vocabulary, their language skills and their literacy, building their empathy, and helping them learn how to handle challenging feelings.

Exposure to a broad range of stories will help to further strengthen your child's writing ability.



Our value this half term is:  
**Perseverance**



As your children grow older we know of the pressure on them (and you!) for them to begin using social media. These apps are not equipped with the safety features that would make them appropriate for primary aged children. Below are the age restrictions for many of the common apps that children access and use, according to their terms and conditions of use.

### Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13 (with parental consent)	13+	16+	18+	18 (13 with parental permission)
GoBubble Popjam GROW SOCIAL	Facebook Instagram Twitter iTunes MyOL Snapchat reddit	skype Tumblr Pinterest Wink TikTok ask.fm	WhatsApp Telegram Tinder	Meow Chat Meet Me
			17+	

For more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-sa>

### Numeracy

There are lots of opportunities to help children with their Maths skills at home.

Let them handle coins, practice telling the time on an analogue clock and discuss simple problems using these skills. Play games with dice and playing cards.

Strong mathematicians will develop improved problem solving and reasoning abilities, and thus become more adept at making decisions and understanding their environment.