

Welcome to Ash Class

Meet the Teacher

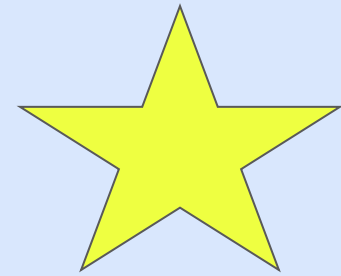
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What a fantastic start to term!

All the children have made a fabulous start to the term, adapting quickly to the new routines. In return we are all making sure we catch these wonderful behaviours and are rewarding the children with **house points and marbles!** Our other class rewards include **Star of the Week, Superstar learner** and **Star of the day** to name just a few! We are all committed to maintaining a positive atmosphere to learn in and hope you have felt this too.



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Daily reading

As you know we hope for the children to be reading every night at home where possible. Please support us by encouraging your child to read, talking about the story and recording their reading in their learning journal when they have received this.



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Spelling

Every Monday your child will be taught a new set of words. These will be checked on a Friday. All the weekly spellings follow a rule.

Please encourage your child to practise for 10 minutes daily on spelling shed or using the sheets provided in their homework folder.

Spelling Shed 



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Times Tables

Recall of the times tables is important and underpins maths achievement throughout education. Children will be given access to Times Tables Rock Stars and should practise at home for 5 mins each day. The Garage game mode is specifically designed to train the children through the tables in the order they are taught to boost their progress.





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Homework

As well as Reading, TTRS and Spellings the children will be given a homework task each Friday linking to something we have been doing in class. This will usually be Maths or English focused and should take no more than 10-15 minutes. Homework is due back on the following Friday.

Homework will be set online via either [spag.com](https://www.spag.com) or [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk). Please support your child with their homework by ensuring they have access to these websites to complete their work. We will put their log ins for these websites in their homework folders to take home.





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PE Days

Ash Class have PE on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please come to school in named PE kits.

- For health and safety reasons long hair should be tied back in school but particularly in P.E.
- Pierced earrings should be removed for PE. If your child can't take out their own earrings, please remove them before school on those days.



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Forest School

We will have access to the forest school area at different times throughout the year. As the weather becomes more unpredictable, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies and a warm coat / waterproof for both Forest School and for playtimes on the field.

Please name everything.



How to help at home

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.

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

Exposure to a broad range of stories and non-fiction texts will help to further strengthen your child's writing and reading ability.

A few brief reminders

- Please send your child into school with a water bottle every day, with just water in. We encourage the children to drink throughout the day.
- Please name all of your child's uniform! This includes renaming any uniform passed down from friends.
- Children in KS2 can bring in a healthy snack from home for break time. No crisps or chocolate are allowed at break. We are a nut free school.
- If earrings are worn, they must be studs.
- Your child will be able to bring a library book home to read. Please return this to school the following week.



Online safety



Online safety is a big focus for us across the school. We will be covering how to be safe on the internet in our PSHE and e-safety lessons during the year.

Please ensure that children are being monitored on the internet and are only accessing age appropriate material. Parental controls within apps and features such as Guided Access on iPads are a great way to ensure you are aware of what your children are accessing.

How we stay in touch

The class newsletter comes out at the start of each half term giving you information on what we will be learning and any key dates coming up.

The class page on the website is updated regularly with English model texts, current knowledge organisers for Science and Humanities and other useful information.

Open classroom is usually the first Monday of the month from 2:45pm and gives you a chance to come in and see what we have been doing first hand.

Worries or concerns?

Please use the Class Teachers or TA as your first port of call with any problems or concerns (large or small). We are usually best placed to deal with your queries, and you can catch us in the playground at the end of each day.

Rest assured – your children are all settling beautifully, working well and adapting to the new routines of Year 3.

Thank you for coming.

