



Ash Class



Autumn 1 2019



Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of what promises to be another fantastic school year! The children have already made a super start to the year and have settled in brilliantly to Ash Class. It is wonderful to see how grown up our year 2 boys and girls look after the summer holiday and our new year 1 children are also looking very grown up in their new setting. I am sure that they are all going to live up to the title of 'Amazing Ash'. Mrs Baker and Mrs Ferguson will be continuing to support the learning in Ash class this year. Mrs George will teach in Ash every Monday afternoon during Mrs Wilson's non-contact time. In order to fulfil wider-school responsibilities, Mrs Wilson will also have non-contact time in school every Tuesday morning. During this time, Ash class will receive a high quality PE lesson from Mr Stafford.

PE



PE will be taught on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** this term so please make sure your child has their kit in school on these days. In addition to this, our **Year 1** pupils will be receiving a 6 week block of tennis lessons every Friday starting from **Friday 13th September**. The Year 2 children will also receive lessons in the summer term.

We will be continuing with our 'Real PE' scheme, a unique and child-centred approach to the teaching of PE which is designed to engage and support every child. This term we will be focussing on our personal skills. As well as working on our footwork skills, we will be learning to follow instructions, stay on task, keep trying and take control.

Learning Quest

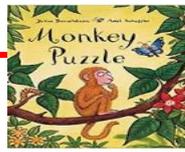
You may already know that we have spent some time re-designing our wider curriculum at Cottingham. Together, staff and pupils will go on a 'learning quest' to make some exciting discoveries! Our learning quest this term is entitled 'Can you crack the case of the missing animal?' Once all of the new Willow class children have joined us in mid-September, Key Stage 1 will be visited by a travelling zoo. This will be our starting point for finding out as much as we possibly can about animals. Within this topic the children will discover how to group and classify animals and will learn about the specific features of each classification. Learning will be exciting and hands-on. Ash class will even have the opportunity to (safely!) dissect a fish!

Love to Read

Did you know that reading at home with your child makes a huge difference to their learning in school, enriching their vocabulary and enabling them to become better writers? At Cottingham we want to encourage children to read as much as possible at home. With this in mind, we aim for our key stage 1 pupils to have read at home with an adult **at least 5 times** each week. It doesn't have to be for long...little and often can make such a difference. Once you have read with your child, pop a note in their yellow reading diary. If you are finding it difficult to think of a comment just a signature will do. The reading records will then be checked once a week so that we can monitor daily reading however, we will no longer continue with our 5xreading challenge reward as last year. We will be encouraging children to read for pleasure in other ways including a list of recommended books which you will receive soon.

With God's help we CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK

Literacy



We will begin the term by learning how to write a journey story. We will be using the classic children's book 'Monkey Puzzle' as a stimulus. The children will be then change the story to write their own versions before writing a journey story of their very own.

We will be continuing to use Kinetic Letters to make our handwriting as beautiful as possible. The programme focuses on building strength and stamina in writing and encourages children to form each letter of the correct size and orientation.

Spelling will be taught both within Literacy lessons and discretely. Our year 1 boys and girls will continue to have daily phonics lessons following the RWInc scheme and while Year 2 will be taught spelling rules through the RWInc Spelling Planet scheme.

Behaviour



After much discussion as a staff, the decision has been made that will no longer continue to use our 'Snakes and Ladders' behaviour and reward system in school. Children will continue to be praised by adults for positive learning behaviours and for demonstrating our school values. When children are spotted doing so, their name will be written on our class recognition board. Our aim will be to have every child's name on the board as quickly as possible! Please speak to Mrs Wilson or Mr Scott should you have any further questions about our behaviour policy.

Please follow @CottinghamCofE for daily news and updates regarding the super children at Cottingham CofE Primary School. It takes just a few minutes to log in and sign up.

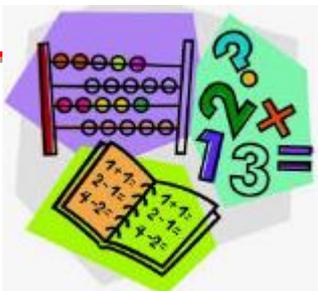
Numeracy

We will begin the year with a unit of work on Place Value. Children will secure their knowledge of numbers to 100 and learn how to represent the numbers using pictures, apparatus and in writing.

We will then move onto a unit of work on Addition and Subtraction. Children will learn to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

Some will also learn to recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100.

Find out more <http://whiterosemathshub.co.uk/>



Dates for the diary

Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 18th September – visit from the travelling zoo

Wednesday 13th October – Ash Class worship. All welcome!



Homework

Homework will comprise of 3 main elements: reading 5 times a week, Maths and Spelling.

Maths homework will be set online each week on the MyMaths program. You will soon receive a letter with log in details for your child. Work will be set each Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Please speak to Mrs Wilson if you are unable to access MyMaths online.

Your child will receive an overview of spellings to be learned each week throughout the short term along with ideas about how to support your child in learning spelling. Each Friday we will have 'magic word' which the children will be expected to spell correctly. The word could be any from the list of words for that particular week.

As the rainy weather approaches...



While we are very lucky to have such a lovely school playground for the children to enjoy, it can become a little muddy during the autumn and winter months. The adults on duty at playtime always endeavour to discourage play on particularly muddy areas however, mud does invariably make its way into school! In order to keep our newly carpeted classroom and school nice and clean, we would like to encourage you to bring in some **named** wellies or outdoor shoes for your child to change into at playtime. These can be stored below your child's name peg on the trolley in our cloakroom.

Collective Worship

The first Ash Class Worship will be on Wednesday 13th October at 2.30pm when we will WOW you with some of our learning. All are warmly invited to come along and join us.

Mon – Class Singing Worship **Tues/Wed – Whole Sch** Worship **Thur – Class** Worship **Fri – Special Awards**
Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at **2:30**. We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award?



Reading Books

In Ash class, we encourage the children to change their books independently. This is best done in the morning at the start of the day. However, if you feel you would like to give your child a helping hand in choosing a book they will enjoy, please feel free to pop in through the Willow class entrance to help them with their selection from the correct colour box. Your child or any of the adults working in the class will be able to show you where the books are situated.

Reading in Ash

Mrs Wilson and the other adults working in Ash class aim to read on a one to one basis with your child as often as possible. This will allow us to make sure that your child is on the correct reading book level. When we do so, we will write a comment in your child's reading record. In addition to this, your child will be taught the core reading comprehension skills in a small guided group once a week. Again, this will be an opportunity to hear your child read and to help develop the skills of inference and prediction as well as building their vocabulary. Please do not hesitate to ask should you have any questions about this.