



Welcome Back



Welcome back to the start of a new term. I am hopeful that we will all stay healthy and well and that, as the picture of public health starts to improve across the country, this will be a full, uninterrupted term of learning in school.

The children in Ash class settled back really well into the daily rhythms and routines of the school life in the weeks preceding the holiday. This time was important in allowing the children the opportunity to re-establish friendships and simply enjoy being together. It was such a pleasure to see so many smiles and to hear so many children comment on how much they love being back at school!

This term we aim to continue to set high expectations for the children across the curriculum. In particular, we will be challenging the children to ensure that their time choosing their own learning in the provision is valuable and has real purpose.

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact me via email if you have any questions.

Significant Person

This term we will be finding out about Christopher Columbus which will fit with our Quest topic 'The Seas Between Us'.



Christopher Columbus was a sailor. His first voyage nearly ended in disaster as his ship was attacked and set on fire by pirates! Columbus only survived by swimming to land. He became famous as the explorer who found new lands called 'The Americas'. But actually, many people already lived there. Please support your child in finding out as much as they can about him at home.

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Warmer Weather

The warmer weather will soon be upon us and the children in Ash class will be spending more time in the outdoor provision. In order to protect them from the sun, please ensure that your child has a **clearly named** sun hat in school that they can keep in school. You may also send in **clearly named** sun cream for your child to apply however please note that staff will not be allowed to apply this for children, as per school. The children will be able to access their water bottles at any point throughout the school day and regular



Quest: The Seas Between Us

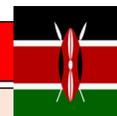
The quest this term is Geography based. We will be finding out about the differences between our urban locality (Corby) and a rural Kenyan village. Following this, we will move onto find out about the 5 oceans of the world and what lies beyond them.

PE

The PE days for Ash class will be **Mondays** and **Fridays**. These will be the days that the children will need to wear their PE kit to school. Mr Stafford will teach the children PE every Monday and we are very excited to welcome back our friends from Corby Tennis Centre to coach Ash class every Friday.



Quest Homework ideas



Maths homework will be set this term via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Daily reading is also an important part of your child's homework. If you can, please pop a note in your child's reading record to show that you have read together. We also ask the children to practice spellings as part of their homework. There is a list of spellings for each week that you will be able to find on TEAMS. In addition to this, please see some ideas below to support the learning for our Quest theme:

- Spend some time looking at an Atlas. Can you identify the seas and the countries/continents they surround?
- Research the country of Kenya. What can you find out about what it might be like to live there?
- Look at African bead work and have a go at making your own jewellery.
- Find out about wild animals in Kenya and make a fact file about one.

Collective Worship

Collective worship will continue to be class-based throughout this term. This is always a really valuable time at the end of a busy day which allows the children to pause, take a breath and reflect. Our focus this term will be our values of perseverance and endurance. Together we will be unpacking what this means to us as individuals and what the Bible says about it. Although due to covid restrictions we are still not permitted to sing together, each act of worship incorporates a hymn/some music for reflection plus the opportunity for children to share their 'rainbow' prayers.