

Cottingham CofE Primary School

Summer is here!

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. For our Year 2 children, it will be their final term in Key Stage 1 and our Year 1 children will be preparing to take on the mantle of the oldest among their peers. I am sure that all of the children in Ash class will flourish this term and I am excited to see the progress they will make both academically and personally.

Thank you for those of you who were able to meet for our parent consultation day in the final week before the holiday. It was really good to meet with you and I felt incredibly proud of Ash class and all of the positives I was able to share with you about your children.

Towards the end of this term our Year 2 children will take part in the end of Key Stage 1 SATS. The results of these assessments will help to inform my judgement of your child's attainment against the national standards. As I was able to share with you during the parent consultations, the assessments will be carried out over the course of a week and my aim is to make them as much fun and stress-free for the children as possible. We incorporate lots of similar practice into our daily teaching so that the children are well prepared.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me on my new email address: c.wilson@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Significant person

This term we will be learning about the life of Samuel Pepys which links to our learning quest. We will discover that despite coming from humble beginnings, Pepys rose to be one of the most important men of his day becoming England's earliest secretary of the Admiralty. We will learn about his prominent role in recording the events of the Great Fire of London in his diary writing.



Class: Ash

Term: 5

Homework

As always, homework for the children in Ash class will consist of **daily reading, spelling and maths** work which will continue to be set each week on MyMaths. Ash class were the proud champions of the Times Tables Rockstars inter-school competition for a number of weeks last term. Please do encourage your child to log on and take part to help us maintain our title! A good knowledge of the 2,5 and 10 times table is especially important for our Year 2 children so please do log on.



Quest: London in Flames!

What was the Great Fire of London and why did it happen?

This term we will be learning about this significant event beyond living memory. Our Ash class role play area has been turned into the pudding lane bakery to help support our learning as the children will learn about what happened, why and the impact.

PE days

This term, PE for Ash class will continue to take place on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE may take place outdoors, therefore we advise that all children have a **sun hat** in school as the weather (hopefully!) becomes warmer. Please ensure that **ALL** clothing is clearly named to encourage the children to take responsibility for their clothing.



Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **perseverance** through our collective worship. Reverend Amanda will continue to lead worship for us every fortnight helping to strengthen our relationship with the local church.

Celebration worship will continue to take place every Friday, where some children will be awarded with certificates. The parents of award winners will be invited to join us for this special time in the school week.

We will also be visiting St Mary Magdalene church for a special worship on Wednesday 27th April.

Homework ideas

Please see below a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home:

- Samuel Pepys kept a diary of the events during The Great Fire of London. Keep your own diary for a weekend and write about all the things you do.
- Create a Great Fire of London inspired piece of artwork – for example a painting of London with warm colours for the fire.
- Find out more information about Samuel Pepys or Christopher Wren. Write three facts you find.

Book recommendation of the term

Our book recommendation of the term is **Ruby's Worry** which was kindly donated by a member of Ash class as part of our World Book Day wish list. Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry – and it won't stop growing. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?

This is a very beautiful, sensitive look at anxiety and how a problem shared is a problem halved. It demonstrates this message through gentle, subtle illustration.

