

## Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break, enjoying time together, having fun and resting. We are really excited to get started and have lots of exciting things planned. We will continue to work across Ash and Willow Classrooms, using the whole environment for continuous provision. This means that as well as directed teaching, whole class and small groups, the children will have opportunities to learn through play and work independently. There will be set challenges to complete and these are carefully planned to meet National Curriculum objectives. Adults will move around the environment, facilitating children's play, questioning and supporting their interests and next steps in learning.

**Please ensure that the children have wellies in school at all times as well as appropriate outdoor clothing.**

As always please ensure that all clothing is clearly named.

We will continue to use Tapestry again this year,. Adults and children will be uploading photographs and videos. Do look out for their super work!



## Significant person

This term we have chosen to present **Mary Anning** as our significant person. It is important that the children explore people and culture that have an impact on the world. Please find out as much information as possible with the children at home. We will also discuss him at school and ask the children to present information about her to class.



**Class: Ash**

**Term: 1**

## Homework

Maths homework for the children will be set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. You will shortly receive a letter detailing your child's login details. Daily reading is also a vital part of your child's homework. Please pop a note in your child's reading record to show what you have read at home. An overview of spellings for the term will be available for you to access via Teams. In addition to this, your child will receive a list of high frequency words to practice reading and spelling each week.



**Quest: Wonderful Me!**

In this science based quest we will be discovering all about humans. We will begin by looking at a photograph of our younger selves. The children will discover how they grow and change, naming the different stages of life. We will learn about the five senses. By the end of the unit the children will be able to identify and name different body parts, including some major organs.

## PE days

This term, PE for Year 1 children will take place on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE may take place outdoors, therefore we advise that children wear a red hoodie for warmth, especially as the weather begins to get cooler as we move into Autumn. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing any jewellery on PE days for health and safety reasons except for religious reasons.



## Collective Worship

As a church school, we hold collective worship every day. This is as a whole school on Mondays and Wednesdays with our celebration worship taking place every Friday. On Tuesdays and Thursdays worship takes place in individual classes. This term we will be using our worship time to focus on the value of compassion and kindness

This term parents and carers are invited to join Ash class to find out all about our learning on Thursday **13th October at 2.45pm**. In addition to this, all are welcome to join us in school at 2.45pm every Friday for our celebration worship.

## Homework ideas

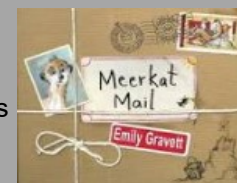
Please see below a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home:

- ⇒ Create an exercise diary for one week. Record all the different types of exercise you do.
- ⇒ Look at any photos you have at home that show how you have grown and changed. What can you do now that you didn't used to be able to do?
- ⇒ Create a feely box for an adult to guess what's inside using their sense of touch.

## Book recommendation of the term

Our book recommendation of the term is **Meerkat Mail** which we will be using as a stimulus for writing in our Literacy lessons.

This beautifully illustrated classic tells the story of Sunny the Meerkat who gets tired of living in the heat of the Kalahari desert so decides to go on a journey of discovery.



The detailed and witty illustrations along with the lift the flap post cards from Sunny make this book a joy to read time and again.