

Welcome Back

Welcome back to another new and exciting term! I am so pleased with how well the children in Ash class settled back into school last term, particularly those children who were in Willow class last year. They have very quickly picked up new routines and expectations and are showing growing maturity.

It was great to meet so many of you at parent day in the last week of term and it was good to be able to meet with you face to face rather than online. Thank you for your time. If you were unable to meet for any reason, please do catch me at the beginning/end of the day or drop me an email and we can arrange a time for us to meet.

The children will be busy designing and making their own vehicles this term as part of our DT learning. We desperately need cereal boxes (ideally variety pack size) for this project so please do send in any that you might be about to recycle at home.

If you are a the parent of a Year 1 child you may have seen an email before half term regarding an early reading phonics workshop we will be running both online and after Love to Lunch. This will be very useful so please do come along to find out more. Here's to another successful term!

Significant person

This term we will be finding out about Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the Moon. This ties in nicely with our Learning Quest which focuses on explorers. Neil Alden Armstrong (August 5, 1930 – August 25, 2012) was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer and the first person to walk on the Moon. He was also a naval aviator, test pilot, and university professor.



Class: Ash

Term: 2



Homework

Maths

As with last term, Maths homework for the children will be set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. If your child is in Year 2, they can also access Times Table Rockstars.

Reading

Daily reading is an *essential* part of your child's homework.

Spelling

Your child will receive a list of high frequency



Quest: Into the Unknown

Who was Christopher Columbus and why was he so important?

In this History based quest, the children will be working towards creating a non-chronological report all about Christopher Columbus and his life and achievements. We will be developing the skills of historical enquiry such as using a source to answer a question and retelling events in the correct sequence

PE&uniform

This term, PE for Year 1 children will continue to take place on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Wednesday's lesson will be a gymnastics lesson. *Please, please, please* ensure that **ALL** pieces of uniform (including hoodies, coats, hats, scarves etc) are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have several lost and unnamed items every day which we are unable to return to their owner.



Collective Worship

Our value this term will be **respect& empathy** and this will be the theme of all of our whole school and classed based worship.

We will also be marking remembrance in November and all of the children in Key Stage One will be learning the story of the Nativity as we approach Christmas. We will be presenting what we have learned about the story although this may not be in a traditional Nativity play. Watch this space for more details!

Homework ideas

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

- Find out about other famous explorers. What did they discover and how?
- Find out what life on a ship might have been like in the time of Christopher Columbus. What jobs would needed to have been done? What food would have been eaten?
- Look at a world map. See if you can identify and name some of the countries and continents. Which country would you like to explore?

Book Recommendation

Our book recommendation of the term is 'Shhh!' by Sally Grindley. Ash class have absolutely loved reading this book and have voted for it for our daily reading pledge several times. Although first published in 1991, this book has not lost any of its magic and appeal to young children.

While touring an intriguing castle, the reader is warned not to wake the sleeping giant. Ash class love the suspenseful build up as we are drawn in to the story, being very careful not to wake the giant as we lift the flaps and look at the detailed and magical illustrations. This is a book that you will enjoy reading with your child time and time again!

