

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new year and the first term of 2023! I am looking forward to seeing all of the children again and hearing their exciting news about the Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the many lovely Christmas gifts Mrs Ferguson and I received. We are extremely grateful for your generosity, particularly in these financially challenging times.

I am looking forward to the new term and all that lies on store for Ash class. I am extremely proud of the progress made by all of the children in the Autumn term, both academically and personally and socially.

I am particularly looking forward to our Year 2 overnight residential trip to Beaumanor Hall in the first week back after the half term break. It is such an honor to be able to be part of this special experience which for many of the children will be their first ever overnight stay away from home and family.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries using the following email:

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Class: Ash

Term: 3



Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **honesty and self-esteem** through our collective worship which take place every day either as a whole school or in class. We will also be thinking about courageous advocacy and what we can do to help change the world around us for good. Our celebration worship will continue to take place every Friday, where some children will be awarded with certificates. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us from 2.45pm onwards for this special time in our school week.

Homework

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.

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

Your child will receive a list of high frequency words to practice **reading** and **spelling** each week. Apologies that we were not consistent in sending these home every week last term. An overview of the spellings can also be found on the TEAMS.



Quest: Into the Unknown...Continued!

In this unit, the children will learn about Neil Armstrong and his contribution to international achievements. They will then draw on their previous learning to make comparisons between Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus.

Homework ideas

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

- Create a Neil Armstrong fact file
- Design and make your own rocket using any materials you like!
- Create a poster as a job advert for an astronaut. What skills would you need to have?
- Find out about the Apollo 11 moon landing.



Significant person

This term we will be finding out about Dianne Abbott who was the first black female MP in the UK.

As part of our collective worship, we will also be learning about some 'Amazing Advocates' who endeavoured to change the world around them. This term we will be finding out about Martin Luther King Jnr and his influence on the American civil rights movement.



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 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.



Book Recommendation

Our book recommendation of the term is 'Genie and Teeny Make a Wish' by Steve Lenton. While we still enjoy reading a good picture book in our daily reading pledge, we have also started reading chapter books which are appropriate for our Year 2 boys and girls. Genie and Teeny fits the bill perfectly! Cast out of Genie World without a lamp to call home, Grant has to settle for an old cracked teapot instead.

With his first real friend, Teeny the puppy, he sets off for adventure. But when Genie and Teeny are kidnapped by the evil Lavinia Lavender, they find that they might have bitten off more than they can chew...



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