

Summer Term 2—Ash Class News—2023/24

Welcome back



Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful week off spent with friends and family, and you are all ready for the final term of the year! I cannot believe that we seem to have whizzed through this academic school year. Summer term 2 will be a busy one with lots of exciting events planned and starting to think about transition into September. We will make the most of our last term altogether in Ash class and make many more memories, hopefully in some sunshine!

We will be kick starting our term with an exciting trip to Hunstanton. Our Learning Quest this term has a Geography focus and our trip will allow the children to learn about the world around us first hand. We will also enjoy a walk around the local area to make comparisons between places and human and physical features.

During Early June, Year 1 children will take part in a national phonics screening test. This will be administered 1:1 in school by a familiar adult.

For more on this, please see Information for parents:

Information for parents: Phonics screening check 2024
(publishing.service.gov.uk)

As always, if you have any worries/concerns/questions/celebrations, please either share with me in the mornings or you can contact me r.mcgeown@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Love 2 Read

I would like to thank the children and parents of Ash class for showing so much enthusiasm towards our book review basket. I have been amazed by the attention to detail when recording reviews about individuals favourite books. I have heard about so many books I never read before and I know that when children share their reviews it inspires and interests other children within our class and across the school. We will continue to share our love of reading again this term! Happy reading.



Expectations

Children are always encouraged to follow school values and visions, and to remember to Care, Build, Follow and Think. Our school value of the term is 'Trust and Community'.

As we reach the last term of this academic year, I know that children within Ash class will continue to challenge their learning and be good role models for each other in what is expected of their behaviour, in and out of school.

Homework

Please encourage your child to log on to **TTRS** at home. Children should be completing 15 minutes per week to support their knowledge of number. Children are enjoying the competition of the Ash class TTRS leader board! It would be great to see more children in the running!

Spelling Shed should also be used at home to practice spellings set by KS1 teachers which will reflect their learning in Phonics. Please also use the Phonics videos sent home.

Daily reading is also part of your child's homework. If you can, please pop a note in your child's reading record to show what you have read at home.

Spellings

Log in details have been shared during Parents Day and also children have brought home another copy of their QR code. Please support children in accessing the tasks set for them.

QUEST

Quest: Seaside

This terms Quest will start with a 'boom' as we visit the seaside town of Hunstanton for our end of year trip. The children will be able to see the geographical features of the seaside first hand and experience fieldwork as a geographer. Once we return, the children will discuss observations of human and physical features by the sea. They will then compare these to features in our local area, observing similarities and differences. We will also be looking at maps to locate Hunstanton and how we travelled there, finding other seaside locations on a UK map and identifying the seas around the UK.

PE days

PE this term will take place on Mondays and Fridays. We will continue to take part on Tennis lessons on Fridays with a trip to Corby tennis centre coming up towards the end of term.

Please be reminded to wear school PE kit on these days and for jewellery to be removed/hair tied back.

Collective Worship

Our worship value of the term is 'Trust and Community'. Worship takes place daily with class worship on Tuesday's and Thursday's. During this time we discuss British Values and Protected Characteristics.

The whole school gathers together for worship in the hall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Friday's are special worship where you are warmly invited to join us for celebrations and awards. Friday worship begins at 2.55pm.

Homework ideas

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

- Mix colours to paint a beautiful seascape.
- Find out about lighthouses. Make a fact file to share with your class.
- Make a lighthouse
- Draw a map of your local area or a map of a seaside town such as Hunstanton.
- Make a poster about how to keep safe at the seaside.



A.O.B.

Snack Money -£1 weekly contribution (can be paid in a larger sum) to be paid via Parent Portal.

*Please ensure children have weather appropriate clothing at school—coats for rainy days and hats/suncream for warmer days.

Date for Diary—

Hunstanton trip—Tuesday 4th June

Sports Day—Wednesday 19th June—KS1 AM, KS2 PM