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# Autumn Term 1—Willow Class Year 1 News—2024/25

## Welcome back

Welcome back to a brand new school year! I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer and have made some lovely memories with family and friends. There is a busy year ahead planned in Ash class with new quests and learning to explore. I look forward to sharing this with the children and watching them explore their learning and develop new skills.

One thing I love about working at Cottingham is the way we work together with Willow class to allow all of KS1 children to learn through Continuous Provision, allowing children to develop skills independently. Children have certain times throughout the day to access writing, reading, being creative, physical activities and so much more. Children in Ash class have a challenge card to complete each week to ensure they are challenging their learning in different ways. I look forward to seeing what Ash children create this year!

If you have any worries/concerns/questions/celebrations, please either share with me in the mornings as I am always at the door to greet the children or you can contact me via email [r.mcgeown@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:r.mcgeown@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

## Love 2 Read



At Cottingham we love to read and to share a love of reading with the children. Every day we have time to share a story in Ash class, we even put the fireplace on the screen to get cosy and enjoy this time together. In Ash class we choose two books which are displayed each day and children use their counter to vote for their favourite choice. It's considered a very important job to be the person who counts the votes and reveals the winning book!

Ash class also have a book review basket which the children can choose to take home and write about their favourite book. They can then bring it back into school and share with their peers. We had lots of amazing reviews and books shared with us last year so I look forward to seeing some new reviews this year.

## Expectations

As a class and a school, we will be discussing the expectations of the coming year. Children will be encouraged to always try their best and to respect adults and children, as well as the environment around them. Children are expected to 'care, build, follow and think' in their learning and their behaviour. 'Compassion and kindness' are the values we will be focussing on this term.

## 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 enjoy the competition of the Ash class TTRS leader board! It would be great to see many of the children on the leaderboard. For younger children, if this proves tricky then please complete together or allow them to write down times tables/number patterns to use.

**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 will be shared with you to access Spelling Shed if you do not already have them. Please support children in accessing the tasks set for them as well as spelling games and activities to develop their reading and knowledge of words.

## QUEST

**Quest: The lady with the lamp**

**As part of this history learning quest, the children will be discovering all about Florence Nightingale. They will discover the role she played in history and her impact on healthcare and nursing today. At the beginning of this journey, the children will find out about life in Victorian times, inventions and rich and poor society.**

**Who was Florence Nightingale and why is she significant?**

## PE days

PE this term will take place on Mondays and Fridays.

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

## Collective Worship

Our worship value of the term is 'Compassion and kindness'. 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 a 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:

- Follow this link <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids> Children can draw and paint as well as watch videos and gather ideas to create their own art work.
- Create a collage by finding materials from around home, e.g. tin foil, newspaper, magazine, fabric to create a layered effect and explore different textures to make their own picture or pattern.
- Save some empty spray bottles and fill with water and a little bit of paint. Then spray onto paper to create your own pictures of patterns—Banksy style.
- Research Florence Nightingale - who was she and what did she do? Use BBC bitesize website to collect information and create a fact file about 'The lady with the lamp'.



## A.O.B.

Snack Money -£1 weekly contribution (can be paid in a larger sum) to be paid via Parent Portal. Snack time is an important part of the day for children where they learn new skills and children enjoy the social aspect too.

Please ensure children have weather appropriate clothing at school—coats for rainy days and hats/suncream for warmer days. There is space outside of Ash class for children to keep wellies in school. Please provide these and keep at school if possible.

Date for Diary— Ash class Parent Day—Monday 14th October 2024