



## Ash Curriculum Letter

### Autumn 2016

Welcome back! We hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday. Below is an outline of the learning opportunities planned for your child this term.

**General information:** Children in Ash Class will have regular PE sessions – Tuesdays and Friday, as well as having opportunities to use the outdoor climbing frame. For these activities children will need their labelled PE kit in school every day. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back.

**Homework:** We would encourage you to read with your child as much as possible and encourage them to complete an activity in their Reading Activity book at least once a week. Children will continue to be issued with a reading book chosen for their stage of development, which we will change regularly. They will also be able to choose a library book once a week and as they are the children's own choice, they may be more suitable to read to them or shared in a more collaborative way. Please make a note of any reading that your child completes at home, so that they can move up our 'reading rocket'. This will provide them opportunities to share their reading achievements, as well as earning stickers and certificates. Spellings and Times Tables will be sent home on Thursday and then tested the following Thursday.

**Thank you for your help at home, it really makes a difference. We are extremely grateful for all your continued support. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs Eade.**



#### Maths

Children will take part in regular Maths lessons which will provide them with opportunities to develop their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be learning about money, length and time through real life problems to develop their reasoning skills and apply what they have learnt. We will be building up their mental maths skills through regular activities.



#### Literacy

We will continue to have regular Phonics sessions in order to provide children with specific reading and writing skills. In our Literacy lessons, we will explore labels, lists and captions as our non-fiction work. Our fiction work will involve traditional stories. We will also be looking at different types of poetry.



#### Science

Ash Class will be learning about our bodies and how over time we change. We will move on to exploring plants, what they need to survive and what sort of habitats they thrive in. Ash Class will be looking at the importance of plants, not only to humans but the wildlife around us.



#### RE

We will be learning about the Harvest celebration and why it is important to Christians to celebrate where our food comes from. Ash Class will also be looking at other festivals celebrated by different religions. After this we will be looking at Christmas and why this is a significant celebration for Christians.



#### PE

Games is the focus in PE this term during which children will be developing their ball skills with increasing control and accuracy. The children will be learning to follow rules to play a game and understand the need for rules in order that the game is played successfully. Children will also be focussing on multiskills. They will take part in a variety of activities which will help them to develop different skills like balance.



#### Computing

Children will continue to develop their computing skills, using Learn Pads and desktops. They will use these to do research and also word processing. They will be looking at e-books and they will design an e-book of their own based on a traditional story.



In art we will be looking at colour mixing. Children will look at the primary colours and will explore what other colours they can make. They will be practicing their painting skills and brush control.



This term in music, the children will explore how to use their voices expressively and creatively when learning a range of songs, chants and rhymes both when preparing for church services and performances and in topic related songs.



### *Petworth's Got Talent!*

This experience takes place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Ash will be learning to appreciate and celebrate their own talents and those of others. Through this experience we will be developing within children the core values of **Respect** and **Independence**.

**Possible homework activities, please select at least one to do during the learning experience.**

- Draw, paint or collage a picture of yourself.
- Write about one talent or interest you have and how this has developed.



### *Our Local Area*

This experience will take place from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. The children will be covering their geography curriculum through this topic, they will be taught to:

- identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

Through this experience we will be developing within children the core value of **Creativity**.

**Possible homework activities, please select at least one to do during the learning experience.**

- To create a small model of a building in Petworth.
- To find out about another country of your choice. .



### *Christmas*

This experience will take place from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of the Christian festivals of Advent and Christmas, as well as winter festivals in other religions. They will be preparing for our Christmas performance of 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings' learning stage directions for the characters they will play. Through these experiences we will be developing within children the core values of **Respect** and **Creativity**.

**Possible homework activities, please select at least one to do during the learning experience.**

- Create a 3D Christmas decoration for a tree or table centrepiece showing a scene from the Nativity.
- To draw a picture of the Nativity scene.