



P.P.S. Ash Class

September 2019
Autumn Term

All about me and Petworth

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Ash Class, I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and enjoyed the sunshine!

We are excited about the year ahead and are very lucky that we have some additional adults joining us in class who will support and enhance the learning experience. Miss Lane is with us Monday—Thursday until the end of the year while she does her teacher training. Mrs Durrant and Mrs Bushby are our teaching assistants and on a Friday Mrs Groves teaches the class.

We will be undertaking lots of exciting learning this term and I am especially excited by the many opportunities to get outside onto the school grounds and learn in the outdoor classroom and our outdoor area.

In English we will be looking at Modern Fairy tales, such as stories by Julia Donaldson and children will initially be acting them and performing them in small groups, which helps them have a strong understanding of the sequence of events in a story. We will be writing for different purposes and following instructions and I

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these newsletters to give you information about your child's education as this will replace the foundation subjects comments on the annual report.

am looking forward to getting into the school kitchen so the children can follow some recipes!

The children will also start to learn some of the key building blocks of writing—what certain words do, for example verbs and adjectives—as well as basic punctuation. Please do not worry if you do not see your child using these things in their free writing, just encourage them to write if they want to!

In maths we will be working on place values—how numbers are made up of tens and ones. From this we will be looking, adding, taking away and recognising shapes. Children will be learning numbers to twenty—reading them, writing them and learning what they look like pictorially. You can help your child by pointing out numbers as you go around town, or at home. For example, 6 eggs, 2 shoes, 4 bowls on the table etc.

Our learning about ourselves will involve lots of science, thinking about people and how we grow. We will also be asking children to find out a little bit about people in their family and those who they live with. If you wish to talk to us about any of these subjects then please do pop in.

When we start learning about Petworth we hope to be getting out and about in town, looking at the shops and facilities that are available. We will also be comparing Petworth to other places in the world, so if you have any links to different cities or countries, or have been on a trip somewhere new, please do tell us all about it!



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We will begin rehearsals for our Christmas production after half term and the children will bring their lines home with them to rehearse. This is always a very exciting time and the children really get the chance to let their personalities shine!

Year 1 have the special privilege of being invited to Petworth House at the invitation of Lord and Lady Egremont. This is an exciting event for the children and I am thrilled to be sharing it with them this year. More information will follow when we have it.

Homework:

Please read with your child as much as possible. The children will be issued with a reading book chosen for their stage of development. They are also able to choose a library book weekly, which may be more suitable to read to them or to be shared in a more collaborative way. Please make a note of any reading that your child carries out at home. They will earn house points for this!

Spellings will be set weekly.

Helping at school:

If you have any free time and would like to come in to school to hear readers please let me know. Any help is gratefully appreciated and it all makes an impact on the children's learning.

As usual we are working hard on developing independence as the children move up the school. We ask that children are left at the

Show and Tell will be on a Wednesday and children will be invited to share special items and talk about them.

P.E. will be on a Monday and a Thursday so please ensure children have full P.E. kit as we will be outside while the weather is good.

Your child will have a book mark with their house on it. This year we are awarding house points for reading at home, as well as many other things, so please do encourage your child to aim high!

Thank you for your support,

Kind regards,

Mrs Wiggs