



P.P.S. Ash Class

September 2020
Autumn Term

All about me and Petworth

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Ash Class, I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday despite the strange situation we find ourselves in.

We are excited about the year ahead and hope that your children will be happy learning with us. Our outdoor area has been extended to include a new outdoor kitchen, and a thriving allotment. 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 as well as the new polytunnel. If you would like your child to wear wellies for gardening, please bring some into school which can be left here in a named bag. We also have Ash, our class pet to look after. Ash is an axolotl and enjoys eating worms from the garden! I

Monday—Thursday I (Mrs Wiggs) teach the class with Mrs Durrant as our teaching assistant. On a Friday Mrs Groves teaches the class with Mrs Durrant. Mrs Soal will teach the children on a Wednesday afternoon.

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

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.

a story. We will be writing for different purposes and following instructions, and I am looking forward to getting into the school kitchen, so the children can follow some recipes and cooking with the produce we have grown. 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, six eggs, two shoes, four 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 let us know when you see us at the door. Obviously the recent months have been challenging for everyone and we will give children lots of opportunity to talk about their experiences and any worries they may have.

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, please do tell us all about it!



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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 for reading 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!

Finally, please remember that no items from home should be brought into school—we will not be having a show and tell session at this time, but as soon as we are able, we will let you know.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wiggs and Mrs Durrant

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Spellings will be set weekly and are informally assessed on a Friday.

P.E. will be twice a week— please ensure kit is in school as we will try to be outside as much as possible. Children may wear navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirt in colder weather.

Although we will not be celebrating achievement in the Star of the Week assembly for the time being, please do check the blog as this will be updated weekly with what we have been learning, and photos of our achievements. You can find the blog via the website or here:

<https://ashclasspetworth.edublogs.org/>

If you have any questions or queries regarding the class, please do let me know and I will try to direct you to the person who is most able to help.
