



P.P.S. Ash Class

January 2019
Spring Term

All Aboard and Out on the Downs

Dear Parents

Welcome back! After a busy Christmas term and an exciting Christmas holiday, we are raring to go in Ash Class.

We begin the term with our unit "All Aboard" which encompasses a great deal of learning about the world we live in and finding out about its geography and cultures.

In English we have begun with a Marathi folktale from Western India which the children have begun comparing to folktales that they know. They will work on their skills of retelling while performing the story themselves and with puppets, and eventually retell it in their own way. We will be observing the different characters and settings in some of our global folktales as well as looking for pattern, rhythm and rhyme.

After half term we will be looking more at non fiction texts, inline with our next unit. We will be writing our own non fiction texts and writing chronologically.

In Maths we will be continuing to work on addition and subtraction, place value and multiples of 2, 5 and 10. After half term we will be working in the Food Tech room and outside as we think about units of measurement, both weight and length.

Our Art will take on a global theme across the term, with Aboriginal art, African Kente cloth and press printing to make a collaborative piece of art. The children will be thinking about their use of colour, making new colours and investigating how best to use a paintbrush to create different effects.

In Computing we will be learning how to complete an efficient internet search, find, organise and sort pictures, and learning more about how to be safe when using the computer.

In R.E. we will be thinking about some of the customs and traditions in the Jewish faith, particularly mitzvah, the act of doing good deeds. After half term we will be learning about the concept of Salvation and about why Easter matters to Christians.

In Science we will be thinking about the changes in the seasons, how plants grow and some of the animals and insects that we start to see around us as the weather warms up. Our forest school sessions will be during the second half of this term and will provide an excellent opportunity for the children to really get hands on with this learning. We are also planning a trip to Goodwood Farm for the second half of the term—more details to follow!

We are lucky to have Stacey working with us again in P.E. and she will be developing our team play and invasion techniques. The children will also be working on dance and gymnastics.

As usual we are working hard on developing independence as the children move up the school. We ask that children are left at the classroom gate so they can come and put away their own belongings on their own. If you need to talk to me, or Mrs Groves, do pop a note in the bookbag and we will be happy to make an appointment.

Weekly reminders:

PE—Tuesday and Thursday

Spellings are set on a Friday.

Please do help us by reading with your child at least five times a week. This is a great time to spend together and gives them a chance to show you how they are developing as readers. If they do not want to read their school book, ANY reading is fine, whether that is the newspaper, a magazine, a recipe or a book from home. The benefits of children enjoying reading and being encouraged to read are well documented and we hope that, with your support, these children will develop a love of reading.

Goodwood Farm visit—26th February 2019.

Thank you,

Mrs Wiggs and Mrs Groves.