



P.P.S. Ash Class

Let's play (Summer 1) No one is too small
(Summer 2) 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what I hope will be a sunny and fun filled term in Ash Class.

There are a few changes which I have listed below:

Miss Lenarth will be working with us on a Monday and Tuesday morning.

PE will remain on a Tuesday.

Outdoor Learning/Forest School will now be on a Wednesday afternoon.

I will now be out of class for planning and assessment time on a Thursday afternoon. This time will continue to be covered by Mrs Soal, and she will also now be teaching the class on a Friday for the remainder of the year.

Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Our learning this term will focus initially on Toys. We will be looking at the history of toys, how they have changed in their manufacture and in their use and we will be looking at and playing with toys from the past. If you have any childhood toys you can share with your children, that would

be fantastic!

In art we will be drawing some of the toys and in DT we will be designing toys and making them using simple joining methods.

Science will be looking at flowers, their purpose in our environment and their different parts. We will be looking at their important role as pollinators as we introduce the beehives to our school environment. This will link closely to our work in the outdoors which will focus on growing and harvesting and encouraging bio diversity on the school site.

Our English unit will also link to Toys and we will be using the story "Toys in Space" by Mini Gray as a focus for our fiction writing. Our class readers will be "The Velveteen Rabbit" and "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane". We will also be creating labelled diagrams, and revisiting learning on non fiction texts.

We are also excited to be able to be going on our Goodwood Farm visit in the first half of the term.



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After half term we will be embarking on a new unit which I am very excited about. This unit will focus on the natural world, which is something the class are very interested in.

We will revisit some of our learning from lockdown, thinking about global geography and features of different landscapes, as well as some of the animals and insects that are found on other continents and in our oceans.

Science will also link to this, building in knowledge about the parts and functions of different insects. We will also be continuing our hands on approach to this subject by planting and growing more vegetables and flowers in both the allotment and polytunnel and hopefully harvesting some of the planting from this term, which includes heritage carrots and beetroot. We will continue to cook and eat what we grow and I will share recipes on the blog.

In English we will be looking at poetry in many different forms but with a focus on the book "Swim Shark Swim". "Funny Bums, Freaky Beaks and other amazing creature features" and "Not that Pet!" will form the basis for our continuing work on non fiction text as well as descriptive writing.

Maths over the whole term will focus on number work and embedding key skills such as confident counting to 100, writing numbers to 100, identifying tens and ones, one more one less and number sentences using

addition and subtraction. We will also be introducing the concepts of multiplication and division.

Our phonics teaching is going really well and the children are making some good progress. It is important that this does not stop. We are now continuing onto Phase 5, however we will be revisiting Phase 4 as part of our retrieval curriculum.

You can support your child with their phonics and spelling by reading as often as possible at home, sharing quality stories and logging into Spelling Shed 4-5 times a week to practise and revisit the blend we have been teaching. If for any reason you cannot log in, please let me know.

You should also have a login for NumBots, which helps consolidate learning.

Please do also 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/>

Any updates will also be posted here.

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.

I look forward to seeing you at the parents evening, via the computer screen!

With thanks

Mrs Wiggs, Mrs Durrant and Miss Lenarth.