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'Learning at its heart'

Ash class – Spring 2 topic information

Tuesday 26th February

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all had a good rest and are ready for our new topic this half term which is Go Green! This topic will take us up to the Easter holidays. As part of this topic, we will be visiting a local recycling centre to learn more about what happens to our recycled products.

Our School Week

Your child's teachers will be Mrs Darby and Mr Riley as before. They will also be taught by Miss Deakin who continues to work with us until the middle of March. As ever we will be assisted by Miss Haines. Mrs Darby will teach the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and all day on Thursdays. Mr Riley will take the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and on Friday after swimming through to the end of the day. Miss Kay will continue to teach PE on a Tuesday afternoon. These sessions will be indoors. For the first two weeks of the term, we also have cricket with the Worcestershire County Cricket Club coaches. Swimming will continue on Fridays from the first week back until Friday 29th March. There will be no swimming on Friday 5th or 12th April. Swimming will then resume in the summer term.

If you have any concerns, questions or queries that you would like to discuss with either of us then please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the school day. You can also make an appointment to see us via Mrs Eckersley in the school office.

Reading Books

As before, make sure your child has their reading book and reading diary with them every day. Please could you support us by reading with your child as often as possible, ideally daily. Please talk to your child about what they have read so they can show their understanding of the text. In school, we will teach the strategies that enable your child to read for meaning but the more your child practises these skills out of school, the more confident they will become.

Homework

The children will have spellings and times tables facts to learn each week, and these will be tested every Monday. Spellings and times tables tests will be recorded in books which will be sent home every Monday, so that you can track your child's results each week, and practise any that your child got wrong. Children should also be encouraged to read daily at home and talk about what they have read with an adult, to support their developing literacy skills.





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Water bottles

We encourage the children to drink water often in class. Please send your child to school with a full water bottle each day. It is important that water bottles are filled before the children come to school, so that we have plenty of time for our morning tasks. The children are welcome to refill their bottles if they finish them before home-time. Please ensure your child takes their water bottle home at the end of each day to be washed, and do not send your child in with any fruit squash - on the one hand, when spilt, it can cause damage to children's books but there is also evidence that drinking squash from water bottles can cause damage to developing teeth and gums.

As ever, your support in your child's learning is very much appreciated and we look forward to working with you over the coming half-term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Darby and Mr Riley





Go Green!

<p>Writing We will be learning about the purpose and features of persuasive texts and writing our own persuasive texts about why plastic pollution is harmful for the environment! We will also be writing narratives inspired by 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner.</p>	<p>Reading To develop the children's comprehension skills, we will be looking at a range of texts and predicting what might happen next, how characters react and why. We will continue to work on phonics and decoding skills in other sessions and each child will complete a comprehension activity independently.</p>	<p>Maths Year 2s will continue to work on our understanding of place value, mental addition and subtraction, and how to partition to add two 2-digit numbers. We will also learn how to find simple fractions of amounts, as well as be able to describe the properties of 3D shapes, including line symmetry. Year 3s will learn formal methods for multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers and 1-digit numbers. We will also learn about equivalent fractions, how to measure perimeter, how to identify horizontal and vertical lines, and how to solve two-step questions using information in bar charts and pictograms.</p>
<p>Science We will learn about plants and how they grow, using what we learned last year to grow plants effectively.</p>	<p>RE We will be learning about why Easter is a special time in the calendar for Christians and some Easter traditions in other countries.</p>	<p>Spelling, punctuation and grammar We will learn about apostrophes of possession and singular and plural nouns.</p>
<p>Computing We will write scripts for a television broadcast and record simple videos.</p>	<p>Art and Design We will be using paint to explore how we can portray the natural world.</p>	<p>PE Swimming continues on Friday mornings. The children will do PE on Tuesdays with Miss Kay where they will be learning tennis skills.</p>
<p>Music We will continue to explore percussion and beat and create compositions about the natural world.</p>	<p>PSHE and Values Forgiveness is our topic and we will look at why saying sorry is important and how it makes others feel.</p>	<p>Geography We will learn about natural disasters and in particular about volcanoes. We will name the layers that make up the Earth and the key parts of a volcano. We will find out where most volcanoes are found. We will create a class big book on 'Extreme Earth'!</p>