

West Malling C. E. Primary School
Ash Class
Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2 2020

We hope you have had a restful break and are ready and recharged for another term of learning. Here is the information about what we will be learning this term – as always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Ash Team.

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English

This term we begin reading our new book – **Viking Boy** by Tony Bradman. Our writing throughout this term will be linked to the story, starting with character descriptions and looking at narrative writing as we prepare to write our own stories.

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG)

We will continue to focus on the technical aspects of writing including grammar and punctuation in all writing.

The children will be bringing home spelling lists this term – they will get two weeks to practice before being tested. Please also continue to encourage your child to learn the key words from the years 3&4 and 5&6 word lists (these are available on the class webpage).

Reading

The children will take part in focussed guided reading sessions each week. During these sessions, children are developing their vocabulary as well as their skills on inferring information from the text. They will also develop their skills on how to write detailed answers, referencing the text to justify their opinions.

Mathematics

This term our main focus will be on working with fractions:

- ★ simplifying
- ★ comparing & ordering
- ★ adding & subtracting
- ★ multiplying & dividing
- ★ problem solving
- ★ and finally, some geometry work

Science

Our topic this term is **Living Things & Their Habitats**. We will look at the characteristics of living things and begin to understand how all living things are classified according to their similarities.

History

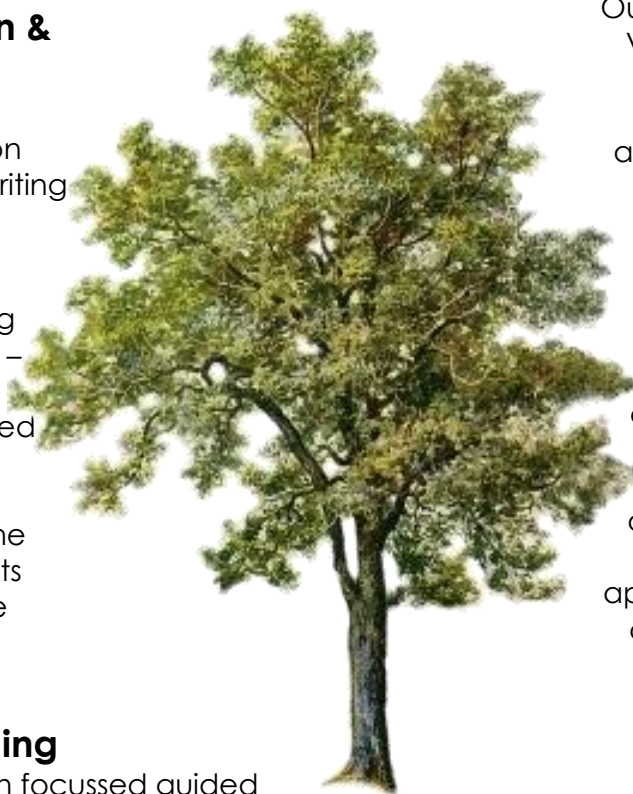
Our history focus this term is the Vikings. We will look at Viking raids and navigation, learn about King Alfred of Wessex and living in the Danelaw and the town of Jorvik.

P.E.

This term's P.E. is basketball. P.E. lessons will now be on a Tuesday afternoon so children should wear their full P.E. kit to school on this day each week. We will be outside so please ensure that children are wearing appropriate kit for the weather as well as their normal school sweatshirt.

R.E.

This term our unit is: **Gospel – What Would Jesus Do?** We will be discussing some of the stories that Jesus told, thinking about the messages behind them. We will also discuss what Christians do to build good foundations for living.



Homework for 2020-2021

Each week, the children will be expected to complete the following:

- **Reading** – their own book or using Bug Club,
- **Maths** – either Times Tables Rock Stars or Mathematics practice,
- **Spellings** – ready for weekly spelling tests,
- A weekly home learning task which is related to our history topic. This should be completed weekly and handed in by Wednesday each week.

A positive start to the day

Please help us to have the best start to the day by ensuring your child arrives at school at their allocated time – lessons will begin promptly at 8:50am. If your child is unwell please contact the office on the first day they are absent.

Early Work: Each morning, during the 10-minute registration time, the children will have some 'early work' to complete - this could be calculation or times tables practice, some SPaG or word work.

No Learning Journals

If you have any messages or questions that you wish to ask, please email these to ashteacher@west-malling.kent.sch.uk and we will respond as promptly as possible. If, during the day, you have an urgent message, such as a change of pick-up details for that day, please contact the school office as we may not have time during the school day to check emails.

Snacks

Please pack a piece of fruit or veg. for your child to snack on at playtime.

P.E.

Ash P.E. for term 2 is on a Tuesday afternoon. **Your child should wear their P.E. kit to school on this day.** As the weather is getting colder, this should include joggers or leggings (plain blue or black please) along with their school sweatshirt or cardigan and trainers as all P.E. lessons will be outside. Please ensure that all earrings are removed on P.E. days and that long hair is tied up.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another term full of learning and fun!

Mrs Lyall, Mrs Lofting and Mrs Babadi