

West Malling C. E. Primary School
Ash Class
Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 1 2020

Welcome back! We are so excited to welcome you all back to school and into Ash Class.

English - Writing

Our main focus this term will be to get the children writing regularly again after their long absence from school. We will do this through a series of short, 'fun' tasks that will encourage them to use their imagination as well as refreshing their knowledge of organising and structuring their work. We will also look at some of the technical aspects of writing such as punctuation and handwriting.

Mathematics

Term one will see year 6 reviewing, learning and reinforcing calculation methods and how to solve problems involving -

- ★ Place value
- ★ Addition & subtraction
- ★ Multiplication & division
- ★ Factors, square, cube & prime numbers

Science

Our focus for term one is **Evolution**. We will be learning about fossil creation and how things have changed over time, how animals & plants adapt to suit their environment and how this may lead to evolution.

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG)

SPaG will include reviewing prior learning and focussing on some common errors. In the next few weeks, the children will begin to bring some spellings home with them to learn. These will also include some English, science and maths vocabulary where the children will need to learn definitions as well as spellings. Please encourage your child to continue learning the key words from the years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 word lists (I will make these available on the class webpage).

Reading

The children will participate in several guided reading activities throughout their week in school. Please encourage your child to continue reading at home. BUG Club will be available if they wish to do this online and I will update their Bug Club booklist over the next week.

History

Our history focus this term is the Angles & Saxons. We will look at the arrival of Christianity in Britain, the everyday life during this period of history and at Sutton Hoo – the awe-inspiring Anglo-Saxon royal burial site.

P.E.

As we are unable to go to Kingswood as planned, our P.E. sessions on a Monday this term will include some outdoor and adventurous activities. Children should wear their full P.E. kit to school every Monday.

R.E.

This term our unit is: **Creation & Science: Conflicting or Complementary?**

We will be discussing the Genesis 1 text, how this might be interpreted and how it might help to inspire Christians to care for the Earth and to worship God.



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 homework task which will be related to either our history or science topics. This should be completed weekly and handed in on a Monday.

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 15-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

Due to the current situation we are unable to hold face to face conversations and in order to minimise the number of items going to and from school each day, there will be no learning journals this year. 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 1 is on a Monday afternoon. **Your child should wear their P.E. kit to school on this day.** As the weather starts to get colder, this can 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 a year full of learning and fun!

Mrs Lyall, Mrs Lofting and Mrs Babadi