

## ASH CLASS AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. I have enjoyed seeing all the children back safe, well and ready for the activities I have planned for your child's first year in Key Stage 2.

This term, Ash class will be developing their skills through a topic called Change, focusing on the Industrial Revolution. The topic will have a strong literacy, history, science and values focus but will allow for opportunities to explore other areas of the curriculum too.

**Date for your diary - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Class trip to The Big Pit**

P.E will be taught weekly on a Thursday so on this day please can your child come into school wearing their P.E kit (house coloured t-shirt and shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms) and trainers. If your child wears trainers with laces, please could they be independent in tying them up. Thank you.

Every day the children will need to bring in their own reusable water bottle from home. Please can the bottles be named clearly in a permanent pen. Your child will bring their bottle home each day for washing and refilling (water only please). Please ensure that your child does not bring in a glass bottle. Thank you.

Each child in the class will have their own school pencil case so will not need to bring one in from home.

Due to limited peg space, please could your child not bring a bag to school (unless a kit is required for an after-school club). Each day all they will need is their water bottle and also a lunchbox, healthy snack, coat and hat as required. Please can you mark each item with your child's name so that valuable teaching time is not used looking for missing unnamed items. Thank you.

From the first week of term, homework will be sent home in a homework book every Thursday. Please can your child's book be returned to school by the following Wednesday at the latest. Work that is handed in by Wednesday will be looked at by an adult.

In class we will be revising how to log onto a variety of websites that your child will be using at home and in school during their time in Year 3. These include HWB, Mathletics and Oxford Reading Owls. Over the next few weeks, I will be sending your child's login details home and would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to practise independently logging on to each of the websites. As we are unable to save login details on the Chrome books in school your child will need to be able to type out their usernames and passwords each time with the exception of Mathletics which they will be able to use the QR code on their login card instead. In Key Stage 2 we use the secure website TTRockstars to help the children learn quick recall of times tables facts. A letter will be sent home explaining how the website works along with their login details in due course.

As I am sure you are aware, other ways in which you can support your child at home are: reading daily, practising times tables (starting with the 2, 5, and 10 tables), reinforcing the spelling of common words (lists can be found on the class webpage), assisting them with daily practice of telling the time (on analogue and digital clocks), ensuring your child know their date of birth and address and completing any additional topic research.

Over the next few weeks each pupil in the class will undergo a reading assessment which will help to ensure your child is reading at the correct level. Based on this assessment, from the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September, some pupils will be taking a book home every week to share at home. Every week, pupils will be reading in school as part of the school day and as ever, we would encourage you to enjoy a book with your child at home as often as possible.

If there are any matters you wish to discuss about your child then please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office and I will arrange to contact you back at a suitable time to us both.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Andrew