

Curriculum Information

Ash Class

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Frozen.

Polar Explorers

History - The children will find out about famous explorers who travelled to Polar Regions; for example, James Clark Ross, Ernest Shackleton, Robert Falcon Scott and Roald Amundsen.

Polar Animals (Sewing)

Design Technology - Children will design their own coaster to stitch on Binca (a block weave canvas).

Animals, including humans and Living Things

Science - Children will compare the differences between things that are living, dead and have never been alive. They will find out about the habitats of plants and animals, as well as their basic needs. They will use simple food chains to describe how animals obtain their food. Children will also consider the importance of exercise, diet and hygiene for humans. They will identify and name a variety of common animals.

Polar Animals (Internet Research)

Computing - Children will use online sources, such as encyclopaedias, to find out about Polar Regions, including the animals that can be found there. They will use their research to complete animal fact files.

E-Safety – As part of Safer Internet Day 2023, children will continue to learn about staying safe online.

Other subjects:

P.E.

Gymnastics (Thursday)

Children will learn and use basic jumps, balances and rolls, before linking them to develop movement sequences.

Football – Attacking and Defending (Friday)

Children will learn and develop attacking and defending tactics, which they will then apply when playing football.

P.S.H.E.

Dreams and Goals

Children will learn ways to stay motivated and keep trying, even when faced with a challenging task.

Music

Rhythm in the Way We Walk and Banana Rap & Glockenspiel tuition.

Children will listen to, sing and perform the song Rhythm in the Way We Walk and the rap Banana Rap.

R.E. Jesus as a Friend

Children will talk about friendships and discuss whether it was always easy for Jesus to show friendship.



English:

Children in Ash will continue with the Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics Programme working in small groups to consolidate set 1 and 2 sounds and to learn set 3 sounds and reading and writing sentences. Children secure in all sounds will continue their English learning with a focus on developing their reading and comprehension skills, grammar and punctuation.

English involves the development of speaking and listening, reading fluency, comprehension and writing skills. As well as consolidating and extending their phonic knowledge, children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during their topic work. Over the course of the year, children will experience a range of narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts. This half term, we intend to explore stories and non-fiction, and use vocabulary related to our theme of Frozen. *You can find specific objectives for the half-term on your class page of the school website*

Mathematics:

In KS1, our aim is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with number, counting and place value. Our learning begins in a very practical way before moving to more formal methods. Children will also explore shapes, measurements, position and direction.

The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems.

This half term, we will be focusing on properties of shape, multiplication and division, and money. *You can find specific objectives for the half-term on your class page of the school website.*

Homework & Spellings

Weekly tasks and spellings will be detailed in the *Home Learning* section of our class page on the school website.

Spellings: Spellings will be set and tested each **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise these regularly – little and often is usually the most effective method for long-term learning.

Weekly Tasks: Each **Friday**, your child will be set a homework task to be completed before the following Friday. **The children have their School360 usernames and passwords which they can use to access Busy Things.**

Reading: Please encourage your child to read their reading book regularly with you at home. It helps us out enormously if you have written a comment or signed their reading record each week. Please tell us if your child has found their reading book challenging or too easy. In addition, you could record their ability to understand the text and answer any questions you may have asked.

Additional items in school

Please send a clean, named water bottle to school each day. *Please do not send juice or flavoured water.* Toys, collectable cards and gadgets should not be brought into school.

Uniform

Please name everything! It's also very helpful if you could show your child where to find their name on their jumpers and cardigans. Thank you!

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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