

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We have enjoyed hearing all about everyone's summer activities and getting to know the new members of Ash class this week. We are looking forward to an important and enjoyable year with everyone.

We have a great topic to start with, **'Somewhere to Settle'**. This will involve learning geographical vocabulary, using maps and exploring different types of settlements including the local area.

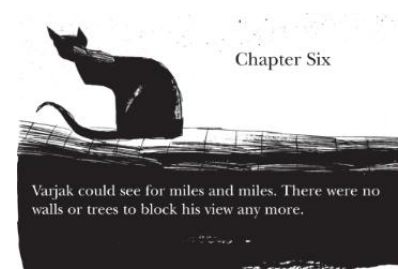


In science we will be learning about electricity safety and investigating electrical circuits.

After half term, our topic **'Out of Africa'** will continue to develop geographical skills and knowledge as we look at different climate zones and locating different countries within the African continent. In science, we will explore different living things and their habitats.

English

We will be reading a range of 'fear and suspense' tales, including the book Varjak Paw. This will lead to the children writing their own setting description for a suspense story. After half term we will read Butterfly Lion.



The focus will continue to be on saying and writing good quality sentences using a range of vocabulary, accurate punctuation and spelling. We will also continue to expect neat careful presentation as well as continuing to develop joined handwriting.

Maths

We will develop our Maths skills through the Numicon approach. There is a focus on ensuring the children become increasingly fluent with larger whole numbers and the four operations. Times tables are a big focus as at the end of Year 4 there is a Multiplication Tables Check (Gov.uk). I will be holding a meeting for parents shortly to explain this newly introduced check.



PE

Our PE sessions are on Wednesdays and Fridays. The children need to wear school PE kits on these days.

Please ensure earrings are removed and long hair is tied up.

As the weather gets colder, your child might need plain, dark coloured joggers and a sweatshirt for PE as some lessons will be outside.

Homework

Please support your child's learning through encouraging regular reading and times table practice. 10 minutes daily practice is more effective than 1 longer session a week. The school provides online platforms MyMaths and TTrockstars to support learning at home. Codes for signing in to all these sites will be in your child's reading record book.

We will be using Seesaw for a variety of homework. Your child will need access to a computer/tablet. If this is a problem, please see Mr Jeffries.

Any questions or concerns, please get in touch. If you would like an appointment, please contact the office for a mutually convenient time.

Kind Regards

Mr Jeffries, Miss Geall, Mrs Gardner and Miss Williamson.

Possible Educational visits/visitors this year

Educational Visits	When	Approximate Cost
Tudor trip	2 nd half Spring term	£25
Chichester Harbour	2 nd half Summer term	£20

In Spring 1, Ash class have a series of lessons where they will be developing their cooking skills.

We usually ask for a small contribution for this towards the ingredients or for the ingredients to be brought in from home.