



# Ash Class Newsletter

## Autumn

Dear Parents and Carers,

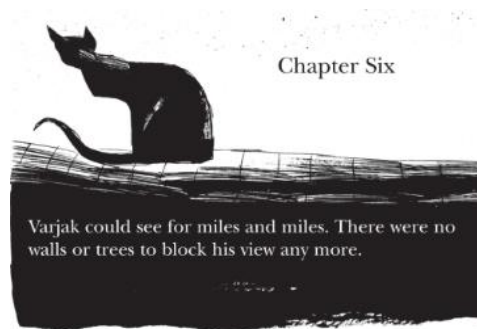
Welcome back after the summer holidays. We have enjoyed hearing all about everyone's summer activities and getting to know the new members of Ash class this week. We are looking forward to an interesting and enjoyable year with everyone.

We have a great topic to start with, '**Somewhere to Settle**'. This will involve learning geographical vocabulary, using maps, exploring different types of settlements and how artwork enhances the environment we live in. This will include visiting The Bersted Park Art Trail.

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 countries. Science work will look at '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 Mondays 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.

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 Mrs Reynolds.

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

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Terry and Ms Williamson

Possible Educational visits/visitors this year

Educational Visits	When	Approximate Cost
Tudor trip	2 <sup>nd</sup> half Spring term	£25
Saxon themed visit	1 <sup>st</sup> half Summer term.	£ 15
Chichester Harbour	2 <sup>nd</sup> half Summer term	£20

In Spring 1 Ash class have a series of lessons where they learn cooking skills.

We usually ask for a small contribution for this towards the ingredients.