

## Ash Class Notes

Ash Class this year consists of 28 year two children. The class will be taught by Mrs Davies on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs McLaughlin will teach Ash class on a Thursday and Friday. Wednesday afternoon will be taught on alternate weeks by Mrs Davies and Mrs McLaughlin. Mrs Bentley will be the class teaching assistant and will be in Ash every morning and from 1.30pm in the afternoons.

Our topic for terms one and two will be Time Travellers.

### School Priorities

As a school we set ourselves ambitious targets in order to continuously improve. Our school development priorities for this academic year are:

- Improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment particularly the challenge for higher attaining pupils
- Accelerate Progress and Improve outcomes for pupils particularly in maths
- Develop effective and sustainable leadership and management through rigorous monitoring
- Achieve good personal development, behaviour and welfare particularly through support for our most vulnerable and challenging pupils
- Create an environment ready for outstanding learning through continued development of outdoor and IT provision

### PE

PE days will be Monday and Friday but the children should have PE kit in school every day in case the timetable changes. All children participate in these activities and so it is important that they always have their NAMED PE kit in school hanging on their peg. A drawstring bag is preferable for space in the cloakroom. Jewellery should not be worn during PE lessons and long hair needs to be tied back.

### Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays and will be in two parts: project based homework or computer based tasks. Work can be brought into school or e-mailed to:

[mrsd Davies@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:mrsd Davies@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk) or [deputyhead@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:deputyhead@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk)

In addition to this, children will be given a list of spellings for the term. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. The spellings are divided into bronze, silver and gold. The children will be advised as to which they should be learning as a minimum, however, we encourage them to challenge themselves to learn as many as they can.

We encourage children to read at home every night. This can be from their colour banded book or from other books that you may have available at home. Please make a note in the reading diary when you have heard your child read and when the book is finished. When a child has completed twenty reads in their reading diary they can bring it to Mrs Sammon or Mrs McLaughlin for a special stamp in their diary and will receive a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

## **Equipment**

Children must have a water bottle in school, preferably with a sports cap. This should be placed in the tray at the back of the classroom each morning and taken home to wash every evening. To save confusion the bottles need to be clearly labelled, as do all clothes and bags. Children should not bring pencil cases.

Any bags need to be of an appropriate size as space in the cloakroom is limited. A book bag is ideal as it can also fit into a classroom drawer.

## **Behaviour**

Our School Core Values are: Respect, Honesty/Truth and one other that will be published following a final decision at governors this evening. The children will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to these values.

The rewards and sanctions are outlined below:

### **Rewards:**

Smile  
Verbal praise ('well done')  
Thumbs-up  
Applause  
Stickers  
Written comments on work  
Team points  
Champion of the Day

### **Sanctions:**

Verbal warning  
Time Out  
Class Teacher/Mrs Sammon to  
contact parents/carers

Please refer to our School Behaviour Policy for more information.

## **Key Diary Dates**

Reception/Key Stage One Phonics Workshop tbc

Individual School Photos 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Maths Workshop for Parents tbc

INSET Day 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Open Morning for Parents – maths focus tbc

Parent Consultations 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (5.00-7.30pm) and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (3.30-5.30pm)

## **Help from Parents**

Hearing readers, assisting with practical activities, preparing materials etc is much appreciated by teachers and children. It is not necessary to commit yourself to come in for a whole morning or afternoon or to come every week, and no experience is necessary. If you would like to help, please feel free to come and have a chat now or at any time during the year.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment to meet with us after school.

Mrs L Davies and Mrs N McLaughlin