

Ash Class
Autumn Term 1st Half Term
September - October 2018



This newsletter will give you an overview of the learning that will take place over the first half of the Autumn Term.

Our theme for this half term is



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During the first half term we will be focusing on routines and rules within the classroom. We will be playing lots of games to ensure the children know each other and begin to form new friendships. With our focus on castles we will be looking at different homes and who lives in them. This will link into talking about our families and people who are special to us.

Physical Development

This half term we will be focusing on 'Games' and we will be doing team building games and following simple instructions. Our PE session is a Wednesday morning so please ensure kits are in school, if your child wears earrings please ensure they are removed on a Wednesday. The children will complete 'Dough Disco' to strengthen their fine motor skills and will complete a number of activities in the finger gym.

Communication, Language and Literacy

During this half term we will be reading a range of different books linked to our topic. The children will begin the term looking at a familiar book *The Gruffalo* and then move onto books about Castles. They will read *The Princess and the Wizard*, *Rapunzel* and *How to Catch a Dragon*. They will focus on recognising and writing their names and talking about stories.

Phonics will be taught daily and the children will cover the 'Letters and Sounds Phases'. They will have the opportunity during phonics to practice letter formation using a variety of different media.

Mathematical Development

During this half term the children will develop their understanding of numbers and we will sing lots of number songs. We will begin with numbers to 10 and then continue to challenge the children further to 20. We will also look at 2d and 3d shapes and how we recognise and describe these shapes.

Understanding the World

Children will have access to the IWB, class computer and iPad's this half term and we will be developing their understanding of how these technologies work. The children will look at different castles and learn how to label parts of the castle. They will compare castles in stories and those that are in the UK. Children will look at local castles and how they are the same and different.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be creating lots of pictures and models this half term of themselves and of castles. They will begin with self-portraits and use different media to create their own portraits. They will design and make their own castle based on castles we have learnt about. They will use different materials to create their castles and will share with each other the parts of the castle and who lives in them.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and all the exciting things the children will experience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many Thanks

Mrs Johnson, Mrs Hall, Mrs Gregory and Mrs Howe