

Year 2 Ash and Birch Newsletter – Spring 1



Dear Parents/Carers:

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break, and we would like to wish you a very happy new year! The following is an overview of our learning this half term. Please do have a look on the website at our chronology for further details.

Our big question this term is ‘What are some of the changes that have happened in London?’ We will be making links to this throughout all our teaching when appropriate.

In **English**, we will begin by reading ‘The Story Machine’ where our focus will be writing instructions for our own imaginary machines. We will also be exploring extracts from the diary of Samuel Pepys and writing our own historical recounts of the Great Fire of London from Pepys’ perspective.

Please continue to **read** with your child every day for at least 15 minutes and discuss what has happened in the text to ensure that your child can show understanding and develop their vocabulary. Your child has been given a reading book and library book to take home and will have their books updated on Bug Club. Please note that **Birch Class** library books are changed on **Mondays**. **Ash Class** library books are changed on **Wednesdays**. **Ash Class and Birch Class** home reading books are changed throughout the week so please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record on their reading day which is written on the inside of their reading record.

The Great Fire of London will also be the focus of our **History** topic. We will learn how to place events and objects on a timeline and how our lives differ from those who lived in the past.

Our first **Maths** focus this half term will be money, followed by multiplication and division. As always, we will be practising our problem solving and reasoning skills to make sure that the children can apply the mathematical skills we are learning to solve real-life problems.

In **Science**, our topic will be Living things and their habitats. We will find out that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants.



In **Music**, the children will continue their drumming lessons on a Tuesday. Our in-class learning will focus on two units, 'Toys' and 'Storytime', which will explore keeping a steady beat and combining sounds to tell a story.

Our big question in **Religious Education** this term is: *Why are they having a party?* In this unit, we will explore the different Jewish festivals.

Please note P.E. is on **Mondays** and swimming is on **Thursday morning**. Please ensure your child has the correct kit on these days. We will be focusing on Dance this term.

In **Computing**, we will be learning about Online Safety and how to be kind online. We will also be exploring how to make digital music.

Our **PSHE** topic will be focused on our dreams and goals.

Our **DT** topic will be focused on designing and baking bread.

Key information:

- This term's spelling homework has been given to your child. Spelling tests will continue to be on Tuesdays.
- Additional (optional) homework is posted on Microsoft Teams on **Wednesdays** and needs to be returned on **Mondays**.
- This term to support our Great Fire of London topic we will be visiting St Pauls Cathedral. Ash class trip will be on 06.02.25. Birch class trip will be on 13.02.25.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further with a member of the team, we will be available each day after dismissing the children. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Rothon, Miss Holly and Ms. Bell

