



Dear parents,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to Ash class and hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. Here are the arrangements that I think you will find useful at the beginning of this academic year.

PPA cover (teacher planning, preparation and assessment time) will take place on Wednesday afternoon when we will be continuing to learn to play the ukulele and then have choir. I take SENDCo time on a Thursday morning, when Mr Thompson teaches the class.

PE - Monday and Friday will be our indoor and outdoor PE sessions (this can vary depending on the weather, so PE kits need to be in school every day. No jewellery is to be worn for PE so children need to remove ear-rings or bring surgical tape to cover them. All long hair must be secured neatly off the face for both girls and boys for PE.

Indoor PE kit is a red, round-necked T-shirt, black shorts (not baggy shorts, for safety reasons) and plimsolls/bare feet.

Outdoor PE is a sweatshirt or jumper, black shorts, socks, trainers and black joggers for colder weather. Please label all PE kit with your child's name!

Water bottles – children need to bring in their school water bottles. This can be kept in school during the week.

If your child wishes to bring a healthy snack for morning playtime, please try to send this in a reusable box, as we are trying to reduce both litter and plastic.

The children will each have a locker for their PE kit, coat and any other belongings. The locker internal measurement is 30cm x25cm x 32cm, so please bear this in mind when selecting a PE bag.

Art

Please could you send into school an old t-shirt or shirt to be used as an art shirt, adult size shirts are ideal as they cover most children well and help to protect school uniform when we are being particularly messy in art!

Home-based learning

Your child is expected to read every night. We recommend 20 minutes each day (10 minutes practising reading, and 10 minutes you as parents reading to them for pleasure). Children are expected to write one detailed comment each week, and they will also use their reading log to keep track of the pages they are reading during the week and weekend. Please initial their reading log. Children who do not read regularly for 10 minutes will need to catch up on this during break time at school.

Learning logs

The learning log homework will be given out on a Friday and is returned the following Wednesday.

Sometimes children across key stages and the whole school will have the same task for example competition entries.

We would recommend that your child spends no more than 45 minutes a week on their home tasks.

Spellings – the words your child is expected to be able to spell by the end of the year are in their learning log. Each week, there will also be a short list of words to learn.



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Children are expected to know all their times tables by heart by the end of Year 4. Please Richardson support your child in learning and practising these. We will do work/games in school to support the children in learning these.

Please feel free to come and say hello before or after school, so I can get to know you as well as your child. (At the end of school, I will be available on the KS2 playground). If your child has achieved anything outside of school that you would like to share with me that would be amazing too. Learning takes place both inside and outside of the classroom and it is important to celebrate every achievement. If you have any queries, questions or worries, please don't hesitate to contact me, I look forward to getting you know you and your child this year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Eagle