

September 2019

Key  
Stage 2



# Ash Class

**New Class Information**  
**Class Teacher - Miss Heathcote**  
**Teaching Assistant - Mrs Waine**

**Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year!**

## Our learning

**English:** This half-term we will be focusing on the fantastic book 'Alice in Wonderland'. We will be focusing on developing vocabulary within our writing, retelling a story from different points of view, creating our own poems and comparing aspects of Victorian times to present day. After half-term, we will be studying the book 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'.

**Maths:** Maths is being taught in year groups this year. Mrs Chell will be teaching Year 4 and I will be teaching Year 3. To start the year, we will begin with place value. Addition and subtraction and multiplication and division are some of the upcoming topics. We will be working hard on times tables with the goal being instant recall of all multiplication facts up to 12x12 for Year 4, and to learn 4 and 8 times tables in Year 3 alongside recapping previously learned times tables. We are using a fantastic new school resource called Power Maths.

### **Swimming:**

**Ash class will be visiting the swimming baths every Monday morning starting on the 23rd September. Please ensure costumes and towels are in school that day.**

## **Dinners**

All dinners in KS2 are payable using Parent Pay.

## **Snack**

Please send snack money in on a Monday morning in a clearly marked envelope. See over for more details.



## **School Uniform**

Uniform consists of white shirt, school tie, grey trousers or skirt, blue school jumper or cardigan, black school shoes. Grey shorts and red summer dresses may be worn in warmer weather. Please do not send your child to school in trainers.

### **PE**

Our PE Slot is on a **Tuesday**.

**PE Kit:** A white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. These should be kept in school **everyday**. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

**Science:** Mr Powell will be teaching Science across all KS2 year groups. Year 3 will be learning about light and rocks, while Year 4 will be learning about living things.

**Computing:** Mr Nash will be teaching all KS2 year groups over the year and will start by looking at how to use computers safely.

**Topic:** I will be teaching History and Geography across all year groups. Year 3 will be learning about Children in Victorian Britain and Countries of the world, while Year 4 will be learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age and Italy today.

### Homework

Children will be given a piece of English in their Home School Link books every Friday to complete by the following Wednesday. For Maths, children will be given 3-4 questions to complete daily in their Maths calculation books to be discussed the next day.

Children will be given topic homework on a half-termly basis. Each week, pick an activity off the sheet to complete for the following Wednesday. There is no order so children can pick their favourite to complete. This sheet will be stuck in Home School Link books and available on the website.

Spellings will also be given out on a Friday for a test the following Wednesday.

### Expectations

We have high expectations of the children and expect them to do their best at all times. We want the children to take pride in their work and in their achievements. We have many reward systems in the class, including stickers, raffle tickets and celebration awards.

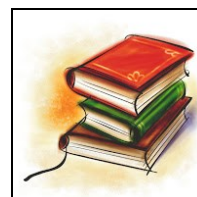
Remember: The classroom door is always open should you need to speak to any member of staff about any updates or concerns connected with your child. The class teacher is always your first point of contact.

N.B. You can also contact Mrs Prideaux on her school email:  
[julieprideaux@heathcote.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:julieprideaux@heathcote.staffs.sch.uk).

## Reading

We will have dedicated guided and shared reading lessons. Also, we have a weekly slot to visit the school library so pupils can choose books to take home. This will be supported with the introduction of reading records. Children are welcome to bring books in from home to share with the class.

Please encourage reading as much as possible at home. Allow your child to choose books that interests them to promote a love for reading. It is incredibly important that your child is reading good-quality books that they can enjoy and learn from. Spellings and vocabulary will be developed through reading and this will help with progression in writing.



### Snacks

For KS2, snacks are £2.50 a week.

This includes a drink (milk or juice) a biscuit and a piece of fruit each day.

£2.50 is to be paid on Monday morning.

Note: Snacks cannot be bought daily, only weekly.

The school is a healthy school, so only healthy snacks (no crisps/chocolate!) can be brought in from home.