



Ashley Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for this spring half-term. We hope that the following information helps you to provide support and encouragement for your child in their learning. **Attached is the curriculum web** for our 'Sound and Electricity' topic.

English

This term we will continue to focus on improving the standard of your child's writing through the use of individual writing targets. Writing will take place within all subject areas and will be linked to our topics. Opportunities will include studying poetry, writing diary entries and developing biographical writing and descriptive writing.

Mathematics

As well as an emphasis on mental maths, our main topics include work on; multiplication, division, measurement and shape and real life problem solving.

PE and Games

PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit in school every day. We recommend that children leave their kit in school during the week. A note is required if your child is unable to take part in these lessons.

Home Learning

We understand that lives are often very busy. However it is a requirement that your child completes home learning weekly and therefore we require your support.

Spelling: Spelling and sentence work will be stuck into your child's spelling book on a Friday. Inside the spelling books there will be examples of how to help your children learn their spellings. Children are to write out each word numerous times to study the spelling patterns and shapes.

Reading: We would ideally like your children to read daily even if this is only for ten minutes. Please ensure that your child records this neatly in their Reading Journal. Please see the new 'response to reading' booklet your child has been given today. If you are unsure of what to record please ask your child's teacher to further explain the changes. It is a school expectation that each child will have four reading journal entries per week.

Maths: Mathletics is an interactive website accessible at home or at school with tasks which should be completed weekly (A minimum of 20 minutes per week). The website is full of resources, games and activities which are fun, colourful and will promote sound number skills.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a very engaging online resource that your child can practise their Times tables on. We will be using this in school but your child has been given a password so they can use it at home because so many children were enjoying the challenge in the classroom.

We hope the above information will be of value to you.

Yours faithfully,

Year 4 Team