



Ashley Junior School

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4th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year Four!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive year with us in Year Four. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Autumn Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

Parent Consultations

Parent telephone consultations have been arranged for **Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from Friday 18th September or contact the school office.

English

Throughout the year, your child will experience a range of writing opportunities including non-fiction writing, writing stories and a chance to explore and perform poems.

Mathematics

The main topics included this year are; place value, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, shape and measurement. The learning in class will also be supported by the weekly 'DoodleMaths' homework which will be set. You will be able to support your child through the use of DoodleMaths.

Homework

Reading Record

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record. The expectations for this will be shared and modelled with the children during the first week of term ready for this to start week beginning Monday 14th September. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for both Skylark and Kingfisher Class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Spelling

Your child will be asked to practise their spellings weekly on a programme called 'DoodleSpell'. The programme builds your child's spelling confidence and ability as it is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have an impact if they use 'DoodleSpell' at least three times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.



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DoodleMaths

Your child will be expected to access 'DoodleMaths,' an online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. Again, this should be used for at least three times a week for a minimum of ten minutes per session.

Doodle Tables

In Year Four, the children are required to complete a National Assessment Times Table Check so we would ask they complete at least three sessions of a minimum of ten minutes on Doodle Tables per week. This will be supplemented in class by other times table practice including Times Table Rockstars.

All Doodle Homework will be monitored and go towards selecting a weekly 'Top Doodler' for both Skylark and Kingfisher Class.

Half-termly homework task

Each half term, a project will be set based upon the topic being covered. The children will have 4 weeks to complete the task and then they will present their project to the class. Given the situation surrounding Covid-19, we would ask for these to be completed electronically, or photographed, and sent in.

Art shirts

The children will be doing lots of art this year. To protect expensive school uniform please provide your child with an old shirt that doesn't matter if it gets dirty and covers their uniform. Please name it and send it in by Monday 14th September.

School Trips

It is our intention to plan for school visits as normal but as we are sure you will understand this is a fluid situation because of Covid-19. You will receive separate communications for each trip and please consider that dates and timings may differ from previous years.

Year 4 Production

As with school trips, we intend to hold a Year 4 Production. However, this has been postponed until at least the Spring Term and separate communication will follow nearer the new time.

PE and Games

PE will take place on Thursday. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper.

School bags

Until further notice, there is no requirement to bring in a school bag. All equipment will be provided. Any work going home will be in a zip lock bag.



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Snacks and Water bottles

Given the Covid situation, we politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school, please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/ alternatively you may be entitled to free milk.

Communication with Parents / Carers

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, access to the site will be limited for parents and guardians so the opportunity for a 'quick chat' at the beginning or end of the day will be impossible but we do wish to keep the lines of communication open. Therefore, please use our class emails to get in touch with us about anything you feel you need to discuss and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

- skylark@ajs.hants.sch.uk
- kingfisher@ajs.hants.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Year 4 Team