



# Ashley Junior School

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4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Welcome to Year Six!**

We hope your child will have a successful and productive year with us in Year Six. 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.

## **Parent Consultations**

Parent telephone consultations have been arranged for

- **Merlin Class Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**
- **Osprey Class Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Time slots will be available from 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account [www.scopay.com/login](http://www.scopay.com/login) from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September or contact the school office. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

## **English**

Writing will take place in all subject areas. Opportunities will include developing a journalistic style, writing biographically as well as studying imagery in poetry.

## **Home-learning**

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> September. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for both Merlin and Osprey Class This will be 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.

### **Maths**

As well as an emphasis on mental maths, main topics include work on place value, calculations, calculator work, measuring, shape and data handling. In addition, we will be preparing the children for the SATs. 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. We recommend completing at least three times per week

for 10 minute sessions. As with Times Tables Rock Stars, your child will be set work by their teachers and should regularly 'log in' from home to complete set tasks.

**Your child should spend up to 30 minutes per day on home-learning tasks.** Please endeavour to provide your child with support and a suitable place to work.

### **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.

### **P.E.**

P.E. will be on Friday. 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.

### **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/](http://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.

- [merlin@ajs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:merlin@ajs.hants.sch.uk)
- [osprey@ajs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:osprey@ajs.hants.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

**Year 6 Team**