



Ashley Junior School

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3rd September 2021

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 - 'Heroic Horses to Terrifying Tanks'.

Parent Welcome Meeting

The year 6 parent welcome meeting will take place in the hall at 9am on Wednesday 8th September lasting approximately 20 minutes to share expectations. We look forward to meeting you there.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place in the evenings of **Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of September**. Time slots will be available from 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from Friday 17th 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.

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.

Home-learning:

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and respond to what they have read at least three times a week 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 13th 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

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. A suggested timetable is on the year 6 page of the school website.

School Trips

It is our intention to plan for school visits as normal. You will receive separate communications for each trip. We hope to visit Bovington Tank Museum later this term.

P.E.

P.E. will be on Tuesdays. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. PE Kit consists of house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible footwear. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper with their PE Kit underneath.

In school equipment

Last year we encouraged children to leave school bags at home. This year they are allowed again. Please note, the cubby holes are quite small so large bags may be inappropriate. Also, all stationery is provided so the children do not need to bring pencil cases. Toys and fidgets are not permitted.

Snacks and Water bottles

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:

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
- osprey@ajs.hants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Year 6 Team