



Ashley Junior School

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11th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Spring Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March. 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 Tuesday 1st March or via 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. We will be writing non-chronological reports, persuasive letters, diaries, leaflets and biographies, many of which will be based on our topic of the rainforest and around our class text, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell.

Home-learning

Reading Record

We continue to expect the children 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. 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. In addition working on their reading plus account will support their reading speed and comprehension as they look towards their reading SATS.

Spelling

Similarly the children will continue to use '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.

In addition they will bring home weekly spellings for a test at the end of the week.

Maths

As well as an emphasis on mental maths, main topics include work on fractions, decimals, percentages as well as data-handling and statistics. 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

We are very excited that so many of year six are joining us on our residential to Osmington bay later this term.

P.E.

P.E. will be on a 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.

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.

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Yours faithfully,

Year 6 Team