



Ashley Junior School

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11th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 5!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive term. 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 - Space. 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 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 contact the school office.

These are the home learning expectations for Year 5:

Reading

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 three times a week. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for both Barn Owl and Eagle Class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Spelling

We will continue to ask your child to practise their spellings weekly on the 'DoodleSpell' programme. 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 10 minutes per session.

Maths

Your child will be expected to continue to access 'DoodleMaths,' the online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. Again, this should be used at least three times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.

P.E

P.E. will take place on Fridays. 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 with their P.E kit underneath. In addition children will need to wear their kit on Thursdays up until the end of the Spring Term 1 (17th February) due to being given an opportunity to participate in the cricket coaching programme.

Trips

Many of the children will be going to Osmington Bay Monday 7th – 11th March for an action packed week of team building and outdoor activities. Those who remain at school will also complete a special project.

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

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.

- barnowl@ajs.hants.sch.uk
- eagle@ajs.hants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

The Year 5 Team