

Key Stage 2 Newsletter—January 2024



NEW TOPICS

This term, Years 3 and 4 will be learning all about Vikings in history and sound in their science lessons.

Years 5 and 6 will be studying Artificial Intelligence in their topic lessons and exploring electricity during science.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Here are this term's weekly themes for collective worship.

It would be great if you can make a note of the themes and chat to your child about them each week.

8th Jan: Looking Forward



15th Jan: Challenging Injustice

22nd Jan: Back to Nature

29th Jan: Festivals

5th Feb: Respect and Relationships

12th Feb: Love and Compassion

SNACKS AT BREAK TIME

Snacks are provided at breaktime. Children should not bring their own snacks to school.

WATER

All children should bring a reusable bottle to school for use during lessons. Only water is allowed in class.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to the Ospreys for winning the homework prize! They enjoyed a pyjama party on the last day of term!

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to help out at school by hearing readers or running fund-raising events, please get in touch with Mrs Patrick, Miss Francis or Ms Vobes.

PE KIT

There are still many children without full PE kits, including warm layers for the winter months. Please ensure they are in school this week.

PE kits should be kept in school and taken home each half term for washing.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND...

We provide all the equipment needed for lessons. Children should not bring pencil cases to school. Likewise, toys are not allowed in school during lessons or at break times. Cosmetics/toiletries are also not permitted.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

Monday: Y3/4 Dodgeball

Tuesday: Y5/6 Girls' Football

Tuesday: Y5/6 Boys' Football

Friday: Y5/6 Hockey



It is very important that you give clear permission if your child is allowed to walk home alone after a club. We also need a current contact phone number.

SPECIAL LUNCHES

18th January - Dinosaur Day

8th February - Chinese New Year

BLACKBIRDS

Blackbirds are learning the flute this term. They're doing Forest School every Tuesday. Dress warm!

HOMEWORK

At Ashgate, we do not send home extended pieces of complicated homework. We ask children to do three weekly activities which are crucial to their learning: reading, spellings, times tables practice. We would really appreciate your support with practising these basic skills as foundations for other learning. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM WITH THIS!

Reading: every day for 20 minutes is strongly recommended. Ideally this will be to an adult who can then discuss the book with them.

Spelling: eight weekly spellings following a rule plus four personalised words from the appropriate statutory words lists (see central pages of the reading record). Practise on Spelling Shed or on paper.

Times tables: your child should know which times table they are specifically focusing on at present. As a guide, by the end of year 3, children should know 1, 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8. By the end of year 4, children should know all times tables up to 12x12 and should be learning the related division facts. Practise on TTRockstars or on paper!