

Reception

Spring Term 3

2015-2016



This term our learning will be based around the theme of

'People Who Help us'

Children will learn about the following...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: The children will continue to describe themselves and others during our daily 'compliments' session. They will identify and talk about activities they are good at and things they may need help with.

Physical Development: During P.E. this half term the children will be developing their control and co-ordination skills through a range of activities, including using balls and bean bags to practise their throwing and catching.

Communication and Language: The children will be developing their communication and language skills through our charity project, the 'I can Chatterbox challenge'. As part of this challenge children will be learning songs and rhymes and performing them for parents.

Literacy: The class will take part in reading activities in guided reading lessons. They will continue writing for a purpose during adult-focused and child-initiated activities. In phonics lessons, the children will continue to learn sounds that are made by 2 or more letters. They will read and write tricky words that don't follow the phonics rules.

Mathematics: Children will be focusing on shape, space and measure. They will be taking part in a range of activities based on capacity, weighing and measuring.

Understanding the World: The children will be learning about different jobs and ways of life. They will have a visit from the fire station and other people in the community that help us. They will be exploring their local environment by going on a walk to the post office. The class will also be learning about and joining in with Chinese New Year celebrations.

Expressive Arts and Design: The children will continue to safely use and explore a range of materials, tools and techniques through child initiated art activities.

Reading

Reading books will be changed weekly according to House teams. We will visit the Library on **Fridays** so please ensure your child brings their library books on Fridays.

P.E.

PE kits (plimsolls/trainers included please!) need to be in school every Monday and will be sent home on Fridays. Our P.E. day is **Thursday**.

Show and Tell

Please encourage your child to bring in an item/photo/something special from home on their book change day to share with their friends during our daily **show and tell** sessions.

Important dates

Nursery and Reception will be taking part in a Chinese New Year dance workshop on 1st February. They will need their P.E. kit.

We will soon be getting some eggs from Vauxhall City Farm and are expecting our chicks to hatch on 15th March. We are very excited!

We will be inviting visitors from the local fire brigade into class this term to find out more about their important work.

On Friday 22nd January we will be visiting the local Post Office to post a letter – keep an eye out for a special delivery!

You are invited...

...to our 'Chatterbox Challenge' event on Wednesday 10th February. More information and sponsorship forms will follow!



You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

- Reading with your child as often as you can – encouraging children to sound out words and talk about tricky words
- Discuss the meaning of any new words they hear or read
- Share stories with your child, especially at bedtimes!
- Talk to your child about what they have learned at school today and what they enjoyed
- Practise counting at home to 20, on and back.
- Talk about numbers you see, for example on the bus

Happy New Year and welcome back to another term at Ashmole.

We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning ahead.

Ms Williams and the Reception class team