

# Ash class newsletter

2018 Spring first half term

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## Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you all had a magical Christmas holiday.

A very big welcome to our new children and their families; Joshua, Isabella and Oliver.

Within Ash class we plan our activities to meet the needs and interests of individual children but we also like to provide themed areas of learning to develop new interests and to widen skills across the whole curriculum. Our topic



for this half term is '**Transport**,' and we will be looking at methods of travelling both now and in the past. We will read stories relating to different modes of transport, make music, sing songs, create models and record our ideas through words and pictures.



Later this half term, we hope to welcome a Police Officer who will talk to the children about road safety.



**Story and Rhyme times** will be on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** and **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** from **2.45pm**. We welcome all Ash children and parents and extend the invitation to any parents or carers with pre-school children living locally.

**Spotty the dog** is keen to have some sleepovers with the Reception children. He will take it in turns to spend a typical weekend with each of the children and we would appreciate your help in writing up his diary, to share with the class on Wednesday afternoons. Please see the attached sheet for further details.



Parents and carers of Reception children should have received notification of **routine sight tests**, that are due to take place in school on Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do **not** want your child to be part of this screening process, please return the slip to school. Thank you.

Can I also remind parents that routine **hearing tests** no longer take place in school. If you would like to have your child's hearing screened, please ask or check our noticeboard for details of clinics run by our School nurses at Honiton hospital.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with our Tapestry online **Learning Journeys**. If you have any difficulties accessing the observations or adding your

own, please do come and ask. The children really do enjoy looking at their files and I'm sure they would love to share them alongside you at home.



Some of our observations this half term will focus on the Personal, Social and Emotional Development area of **Managing Feelings and Behaviour**. I have set out the normal age-related progression for this area of the curriculum for your interest, below.

Miss Hansford will be away from school this half term and so we warmly welcome Mrs Williams to our team. Mrs Williams is an experienced teaching assistant who has previously worked in Ash class. Naomi Batten will continue to support us on Wednesdays and Thursdays as part of her university Early Years teaching course and Mrs Bryant will continue to volunteer in class on Thursdays. As always, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Williams or myself if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,