



Ash class newsletter

First half Summer term 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term. Our topic this half term is **MINIBEASTS**. In addition to planning activities to meet the needs and interests of individual children we will encourage the class to develop new skills and knowledge around the natural world. As the weather hopefully improves, we will make full use of our outside area, mud kitchen and raised bed; investigating creatures, exploring textures, developing creativity and planting seeds. We will also be looking at the stories 'The Hungry Caterpillar,' 'The Very Busy Spider' and 'Superworm,' whilst basing counting and number work around minibeasts.



Story and Rhyme time will be on **Thursday 3rd May**. We welcome all Ash children and parents to the session and extend the invitation to any parents or carers with pre-school children living locally.

Welly walks to Offwell woods will take place for **Reception children** on the afternoons of **Friday 27th April** and **Friday 11th May**. I will need 2 helpers for each walk and so if you are available, please do let me know! Thank you. Reception children will need wellies and waterproof coats on these days.



We will be inviting all parents and carers to an '**Ugly Bug Ball**' on **Wednesday 23rd May** at **2.30** in the classroom. Look out for more details to follow!



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.

In order to assess the children's familiarity with **technology** at home as well as in school, we would appreciate you completing the attached **questionnaire** and returning to class. Technology is an area that is constantly changing and moving forward but we routinely remind our school aged children how to stay safe online with the help of **Smartie the Penguin**. <http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>



We look forward to a busy and active half term. As ever, if you have any concerns or queries, please do contact either myself or Miss Hansford.

Kind regards

