



Ash class newsletter

Spring 2019 first half term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you all. We warmly welcome Wilfred and his family to our unit and hope to be greeting more new faces over the coming term.

Our topic for the first half of this term is

Long, long ago.



The children will be encouraged to compare changes over time and we will start by basing our learning around castles. However, we will of course continue to provide daily opportunities for children to explore, consolidate and extend their own interests and skills, across the whole EYFS curriculum.

For the last two weeks of this half term, we will move on to explore the **Chinese New Year** and compare this traditional celebration with ones that we may be more familiar with.



Both parts of our topic will encourage the children to build, draw, act, sing and make music. We will re-introduce a weekly making and drawing challenge to support the children in specific skills and will undertake food technology sessions weekly. Communication skills will focus on asking and answering questions, whilst using text to discover information. Within number work, we will become more familiar with reading, writing and ordering numerals, as well as exploring early addition and subtraction.



On **Thursday 17th January** and **Thursday 14th February**, we will be holding **Story and Rhyme time** sessions in Ash class from **2.45-3.15pm**. Any parents or carers with pre-school children are invited to join us for this informal session. It would be lovely to see some new faces, so please spread the word!

Reception children will now be having their '**Big P.E.**' session with Mr Bardot and Mrs Legg, on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Please could you provide jogging bottoms or leggings for your child to wear for P.E. this term, as it gets rather chilly walking to and from the hall in shorts! Many thanks.



As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Hansford. We look forward to another busy term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Hunt