



Ash Class Newsletter Autumn 1

Miss Steele, Ash Class teacher, Miss Capon and Mrs Green, our Reception classroom assistants, are delighted to welcome our children and their families to our school. We have a fun filled year ahead and a vast amount of learning opportunities in our first half term together.

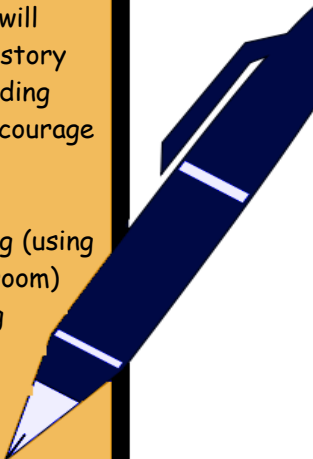
LITERACY

Reading

We will be focusing on a particular book each week, which will generate lots of recall and language opportunities, talking about characters and settings. We will read a variety of books in our daily story sessions. Children will be taking reading books home to share with you to encourage a love of books and reading.

Writing

We will be doing lots of mark making (using various resources around the classroom) and drawing. We will be encouraging the children to have a good pencil grasp in order to form letters in their name and other letters correctly.



Mathematics

Number

The focus for number will be counting and number recognition. We will be matching a quantity to its numeral, ordering numbers 0-10 and forming numbers. Linking to the topic, we will focus on numbers of particular importance: What is your house number? How many people live in your house? How old are you? We will also be watching and working with the Numberblocks programme.

Shape, Space and Measure

The focus for shape space and measure will be 2D shapes. This includes naming, describing the properties and sorting them. We will be building towers/houses and thinking about what shapes work well and which don't work as well and explaining why.



Phonics

We will be having phonics sessions twice a day: one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This half term, we will be focusing on developing the children's listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment, develop their vocabulary when identifying and recollecting the difference between sounds, make up simple sentences and talk in greater detail about sounds. We will then use our sounds knowledge to enliven our stories and songs with added sounds. From there, we will begin the Ruth Miskins phonics programme and recap sounds:

m, a, s, t, d, i, n. We will start to segment and blend with these sounds.

SUPPORT

- Counting and ordering numbers 0 to 10 at home.
- Homework sent on Friday - to be completed and brought back to school by the following Monday (reading books also).
- Singing songs and nursery rhymes on a daily basis will help develop language skills.
- Sharing books at home and talking about the pictures will help develop a love of books and reading skills.

Other areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage

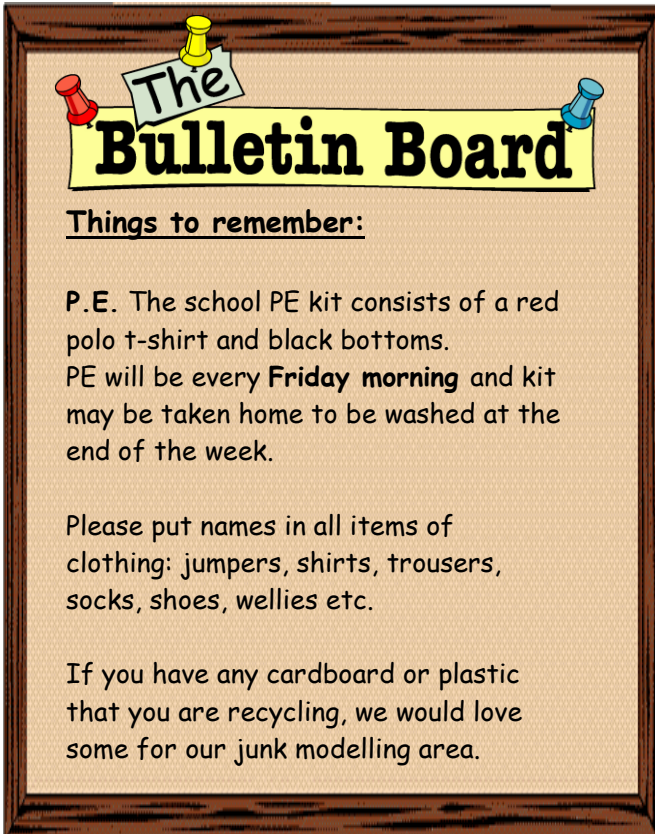
Communication and Language: Speaking and Listening activities, following instructions, use of who, why, what, where and when questions and responding appropriately.

Physical Development: Team games- cooperation, following instructions and turn taking, developing muscles in the fingers to support writing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Confidence building, self-selecting activities, expressing feelings and emotions.

Understanding of the World: Exploring similarities and differences in our appearance, finding out what makes us unique. Exploring the world around us, in particular, Halifax.

Expressive Arts and Design: Self-portraits, family pictures and pictures or models of our homes using paints, crayons and box modelling.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

P.E. The school PE kit consists of a red polo t-shirt and black bottoms. PE will be every **Friday morning** and kit may be taken home to be washed at the end of the week.

Please put names in all items of clothing: jumpers, shirts, trousers, socks, shoes, wellies etc.

If you have any cardboard or plastic that you are recycling, we would love some for our junk modelling area.



IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn term - 3rd September 2019 - 18th October 2019

Roald Dahl Day - 13th September 2019

Jeans for Genes - 20th September 2019

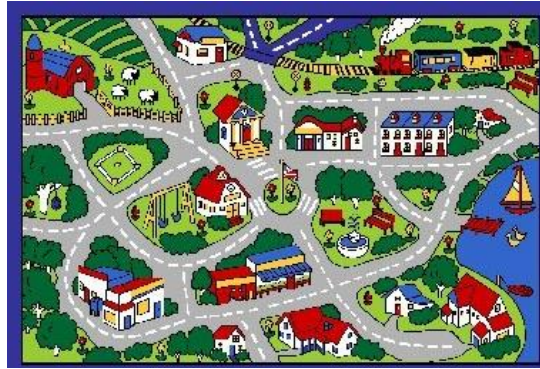
Cloth Workshop trip to The Piece Hall on 27th September 2019 (another letter will be sent out with more details).

Stories online: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>
Alphablocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/alphablocks-games>
Numberblocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>





Street Detectives!



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

For the PSED area of the curriculum, the main focus will be on understanding the classroom rules and how we should be when at school.

Linking to the topic, we will be looking at what makes us special, what is similar/different about us, discussing families and descents.

Physical Development

Miss Heald, will be running the PE sessions each week.

She will be focusing on different ways of moving: running, jogging, jumping, hopping etc. We will be working on our co-ordination and spatial awareness.

Communication and Language

There will be a range of new vocabulary learnt during this topic: map, local area, environment, human and physical geography etc. Children will be learning about historical events in the local area and famous people from Halifax. We will be creating our own maps and discussing them with peers.

Understanding the World

For this area of the curriculum, children will be looking at maps and pictures of the local area. Can we recognise any buildings? We will be looking at the buildings in the local area and why they are important to us. Linking to the past, we will be investigating the difference between houses nowadays and houses in the past. We will be using technology to look at our houses from an aerial view.

Expressive Arts and Design

For the expressive arts and design aspect of the curriculum, we will be linking our local area to art. This involves drawing pictures of our local area, building it with the junk modelling resources, painting our house and using a variety of materials to create something we can see in our community. We will be looking into the life of Edward Akroydon and his work within Boothtown.