



Ash Class Newsletter Spring 1

The focus of this half term is 'Hot and Cold'. We will continue having weekly lollipop stick challenges. Please encourage your child by asking how many lollipop sticks they have at the end of each day. If your child completes all six challenges, by the end of the week, they will receive their reward on Friday afternoon.

Literacy

Reading

We will continue to focus on a particular book each week based on the topic 'Hot and Cold' 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.

Writing

To develop on our knowledge from the previous term, in Spring 1 we will be concentrating on writing CVC words. Some children will also begin writing simple sentences.



Mathematics

Number-

This half term, we will continue to develop a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. We will also develop our subitising skills (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5: this skill can be developed at home by rolling a dice and playing board games.

Numerical patterns-

We will develop our counting skills by counting to and beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system. The children will also compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity.



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Phonics

We will continue to have phonics sessions twice a day; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We will also be learning more tricky words (words which cannot be sounded out).

Tricky words we will be looking at: I, no, go, to, the.

More information about Read Write Inc phonics can be found on the following link:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/>

SUPPORT

As your child progresses through Read Write Inc, reading book will be sent home. In the meantime, share a book with your child each day.

Segmenting and blending CVC words - Giving children a three-letter word and seeing if they can tell you the sounds within that word.

Assisting children in hearing initial sounds in any objects found around the house.

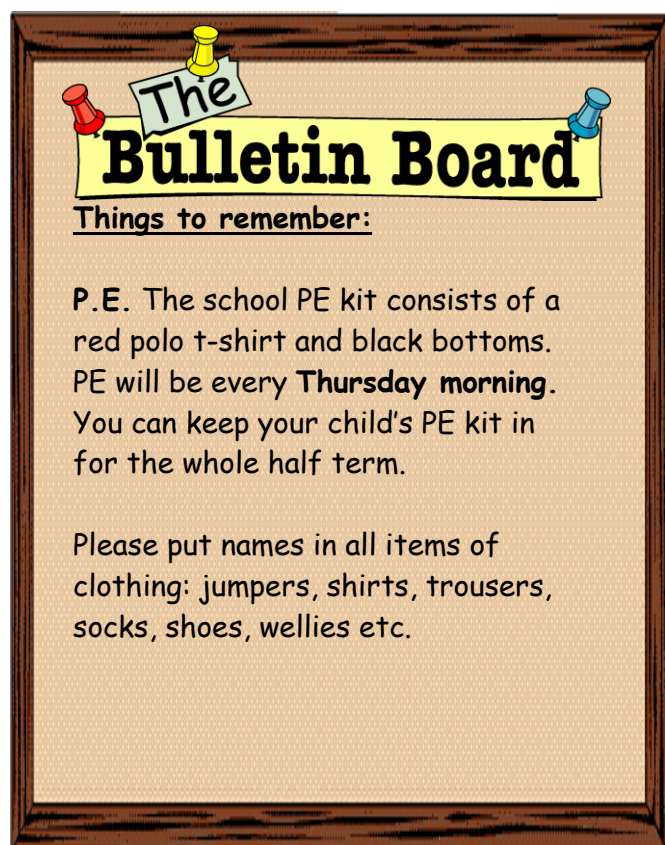
Hot and Cold

This half term, children will continue to explore seasonal changes and begin to make comparisons between the climate in our country and other places. Pupils will find out how ice preserves objects and will begin to learn about hibernation and migration. We will explore what a New Year means and look at how it's celebrated around the world, including Chinese New Year. When painting, pupils will explore cool and warm colours using a range of media.

Our weekly books for this half term are listed below:

- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Lost and Found
- Handa's Surprise
- Rumble in the Jungle
- The Runaway Wok
- Mr Wolf's Pancakes and Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale from Kenya

If your child needs to self-isolate due to Covid, a link to a Sway page will be sent so your child does not miss out on important learning.

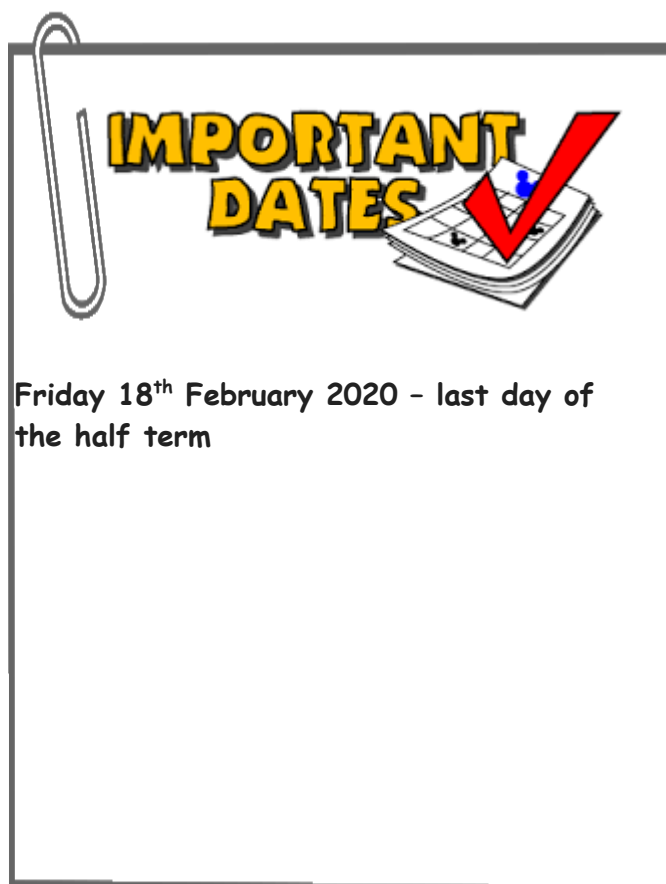


The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

P.E. The school PE kit consists of a red polo t-shirt and black bottoms. PE will be every **Thursday morning**. You can keep your child's PE kit in for the whole half term.

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



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th February 2020 - last day of the half term

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>

