



Ashley Junior School

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5th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new year, I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday. This term our topic is 'Water, Water Everywhere' which will be all about water in our environment. We are hoping to visit The Bournemouth Oceanarium and also perhaps have a visit from Wessex Water to support our learning.

In Literacy, we will be enjoying the text 'The Snail and the Whale' and learning how to write stories and use punctuation, adjectives and adverbs. We will be reading another text called 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain' to learn about drought and flood and also explore rhyme. We will also be working on our spelling and handwriting. Later in the term we will be writing non-fiction linked to the science learning.

In Maths we will be using our understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve problems. We will also learn about measures and money.

We will be learning how to work scientifically in Science and exploring the Water Cycle and water in different states. We will also learn about the creatures that live in water. Our Geography learning will be about rivers and seas, droughts and floods and the importance of water for humans. In Learning For Life we will focus on accepting that we can't always be right and we can't always win and that constructive criticism is a good thing. We will also learn how to manage our feelings in different situations. In Art we will be looking at the work of Monet, Hockney and Housai and how they represent water in their art work.

The children will continue to do Computing and Music with their mainstream buddies on different days according to their year group (with the usual support from an RP team member as needed). The children will also continue to join their mainstream buddies for PE. This means your child will need to wear their PE kit on the day their year group does PE. This remains the same as last term:

Monday – Y3, Tuesday – Y5, Thursday – Y6, Friday – Y4.

Generally speaking, Earhart will continue to do Literacy activities, including some Lexia, in the morning followed by a Story Time and break/snack time. Please remember that healthy snacks such as fruit and vegetables are the only snack we allow unless your child has specific dietary needs.

After break there are maths activities. After lunch the children will focus on the other curriculum areas such as Learning for Life, Science and Art. They will also complete learning around life skills, social language and fine motor skills.

Please continue to read as often as you can with your child. It is important to read and re-read texts until the vocabulary is really familiar. It is also important to talk about the story and the characters – what they are doing and how they might be feeling. It is really helpful if you can record your reading in the Reading Record – just a signature is great.

As always, I will send an email to let you know if there is anything I need to communicate and I am always happy to hear from you if there is anything you think it would be helpful to know. In addition, I am always happy to take a call from you if needed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs N Harling and the RP Team