



Ashley Junior School

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Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Resourced Provision at Ashley Junior School

Welcome to the new school year in Earhart Class and an especially big welcome to the new members of the class. I hope you have all had a lovely relaxing summer and that everyone is refreshed and ready for an exciting term. It always takes a little while to settle into the school routines after a lovely long holiday but I am sure we will all soon be raring to go!

Our Topic

Our topic for this term is 'Can't See the Wood for the Trees' and we will be learning about the differences and similarities between a Rainforest and The New Forest where we live. As part of our curriculum enrichment, we are hoping to visit both The New Forest and have a Rainforest experience at Marwell Zoo. These trips will be confirmed with you soon.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October 2026**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm-6:00pm and can be by phone on the Thursday if that is more convenient due to distance from school. Appointments can be made via your child's online Arbor account on Friday 11th September from 5:00pm.

English

Across the year, the children will be given a range of writing opportunities and this term we will be reading the text 'The Great Kapok Tree' and using this to learn about persuasive writing. Later in the term we will focus on non-fiction writing and recording facts about various forest creatures.

As part of our rich reading curriculum, we will have **library sessions on each Friday**. The children will be able to choose a book to take home and read. Please ensure your child brings the book back each Friday so they are able to change their book and choose a new one.

Mathematics

This term, the maths topics we will be working on are:

- Place value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Position and Direction
- Shape
- Time

Home Learning

The children will bring a book bag home each day and it is important that this is brought into school every day. In the book bag you will find a reading book and a reading record where you can record your reading with your child. Please 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. We may also send home some sight words to practise, please do these as often as possible and we will regularly check and update the words.

We would also like the children to complete 10 minutes a day on the app 'Nessy' on a tablet. There are two parts the children can work on, Nessy Maths or Nessy Read and Spell. We will send the login details and password once the children have tried it in school so that you can get started.

PE

The children will join their mainstream buddies for all PE learning, so they will need to wear their PE kit on the appropriate day according to their year group:

Monday – Y5 PE

Tuesday – Y3 and Y4 PE

Thursday – Y6 PE

PE kit consists of the house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible trainers. When the weather gets colder, the children may wear blue or black tracksuit bottoms with their school jumper. School branded sports hoodies may be worn on PE days only.

School Equipment

We ask that children do not bring pencil cases or any stationary equipment in to school. We will provide all the equipment they need. We also ask that the children do not bring their own fidget toys into school as we provide these too. In Earhart class, we do allow the children to bring a small soft toy if they find it comforting/reassuring however, we do not allow any other toys in school. We are very grateful for your support in helping the children follow this guidance.

Snacks and Water bottles

We politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school. Please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Dinners+and+Milk&pid=56> Alternatively you may be entitled to free milk.

Communication

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office, adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk who will make the necessary arrangements

Yours faithfully

The Earhart Team