



Ashley Junior School

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5th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 5!

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Spring Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic - Space. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from 9:00am Friday 1st March or via the school office.

These are the home learning expectations for Year 5:

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record four times a week. Please refer to the guidance at the front of your child's Reading River. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for each class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Spelling

We will continue to ask your child to practise their spellings weekly on the 'DoodleSpell' programme. The programme builds your child's spelling confidence and ability as it is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have an impact if they use 'DoodleSpell' at least three times a week for 10 minutes per session.

Maths

Your child will be expected to continue to access 'DoodleMaths,' the online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. Again, this should be used at least three times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.

P.E

This term, P.E. will take place on Thursdays. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit. P.E kit consists of house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible trainers. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper with their P.E kit underneath.

Trips

Many of the children will be going to Osmington Bay Monday 11th – 15th March for an action packed week of team building and outdoor activities. Those who remain at school will also complete a special project.

Snacks and Water bottles

We politely request that children bring a named water bottle into school every day. Please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks as only water is permitted. Bottles 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 www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/. Alternatively, you may be entitled to free milk.

Communication with Parents / Carers

Most information will come through letters and through the school website but we recognise the importance of an open avenue of communication. For any other queries, please contact us via the school admin office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Year 5 Team