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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Ash Class Newsletter Spring Term 2012**

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays, I hope you all enjoyed the break and had some time to relax! Ash Class have come back full of beans and exciting stories. We have spent this week getting back into our routine, and starting our new topic: after extending last term's Fantastic Mr Fox project, we are now starting a Great Fire of London topic, which so far the children have been really enjoying. During this project we will be focussing on History, but also covering Geography, Art and D&T. After half term we are starting a Monsters and Magic topic, with a focus on creative writing.

#### **Homework**

Spellings will continue to be set on Fridays, with spelling tests also on Fridays. Starting this week we will be having maths homework as usual, which will also continue to be set on Fridays and should be returned to the classroom, in the homework folder, by Tuesday. All homework will be relevant to what we have been learning during the week and children will not be asked to do anything they are not capable of doing.

#### **Reading**

Now that Ash Class have got used to being Year 2s in a new classroom with a new teacher, we have been doing more Guided Reading than individual reading. This involves looking at different books as a group, with opportunities for the children to read individually to me and also to discuss what they have read, as well as looking at phonics. The children have really enjoyed working in groups for reading and phonics based tasks, and have made great progress over Terms 1 and 2. We are still reading with children individually wherever possible, but it is very important that you read with your child at home as regularly as possible, and of course let me know if you would like me to look at their reading level, especially if they are finding their reading books very easy.

#### **Things to remember**

P.E. will now be taking place on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings, so please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school on these days. Some children have been saying that shoes or other assorted bits of P.E. kit are too small or too big so it might be time for a size check! It is also really important at

this time of year that children have tracksuit trousers to wear for outdoor P.E. – I really don't want anyone getting hypothermia.

The field has been very muddy since the start of term, and children need to remember to bring outdoor shoes for playtime.

**Donations**

As ever, we need lots of boxes of tissues! Also, any voluntary donations towards snack money would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions at all about what we are doing in Ash class this term, I'd love to discuss them with you; I'm available most days after school or you are welcome to book an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Moffitt