



ASH Class Newsletter



Autumn 1, 2026

Welcome everyone to the first term of the school year. Don't forget to check Dojo for key information and updates throughout the year.

Morning Routine

The classroom door opens at 8.40am. Please ensure your child is here on time every day, so they don't miss any important learning time.

Please ensure children have everything they need for their school day including P.E kit, coat and water bottle.

Don't forget we have a breakfast club in school every morning.

This is available to all children from 8.00am every day.



Our Staff

Teachers: Mrs Balsham (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs East and Mrs Rayner

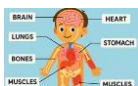
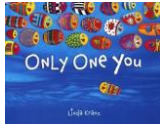
HLTA: Miss Priestly (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Topic

This term we will be getting to know each other well and thinking about the topic- All about me. We will be investigating how we can keep ourselves healthy from a scientific perspective. We will have a visit from a paediatric Dr from BRI (Dr Jade). She will be talking to us about her job and how we can keep our bodies healthy. We will listen to our hearts and talk about how they work in our body. We will also look at diet and what foods keep different parts of our body healthy.

In this topic we will be exploring our local area, in particular our school. So we will be drawing plans and maps as well as going on a small walk around the school grounds. We also explore where in the world is our school- thinking about Bradford and where it is in the world.

Children will produce their self portraits in art. They will acquire a wide range of skills producing art work of themselves such as mixing colours, working with texture and light. We will also be our thinking as we explore Pop Art, focusing on the Artist Andy Warhol.



Phonics

This half term the children in Reception will focus on phase one firm foundations phonics.

Children in Year 1 will begin phase 4 phonics.

Year 2 children will be looking at developing reading and spelling further, using our Supersonic phonics friends phonics scheme. To help your child and support us in school further please read your child's school reading book each night.



Please don't forget to attend our phonics and reading workshop for more information.

RE

In this topic: Creation and Covenant

We will explore the story of creation and explore the importance of prayer. We will discuss scripture such as Genesis 1:1-4 and Luke 11:1-4

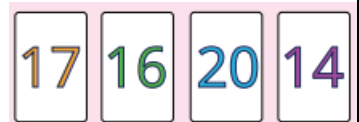
We will also consider and listen to stories from children around the world and how we can all look after our common home in line with Catholic social teaching.



Maths

This term reception will be matching, sorting and comparing objects and amounts in groups. They will then talk about measure and patterns.

YR1 and 2 will be exploring place value within 20 and then using this knowledge to add and subtract. This will include number bonds to 10 and 20, adding three 1-digit numbers and thinking about doubles and near doubles.

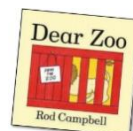


PE

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school ready to get changed for PE. It is important that your child's name is written in every piece of clothing and the shoes in their PE kit.

Reading

Children are becoming more fluent and confident with their reading. It is important children are exposed to and read new words at least three times for them to embed and to become fluent. The children need to learn tricky words which do not follow the rules of segmenting and blending and just have to be read and learnt. Please practise these at home alongside your reading.



Dates for your diary:

Start of the school term – Thursday 3rd September 2023

Phonics and reading workshop – Tuesday 22nd September @ 9.00am.

Visit Dr Jade - WC 5th October.

Parent consultations – Monday 19th October 3.30pm – 5.45pm

Wednesday 21st October 3-30pm – 5.15pm