



Ash class newsletter

Second half term of Autumn term 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Our topic for this half term is '**Night, night.**' We will start by exploring patterns and extending our craft skills by studying fireworks around Bonfire Night. We will then learn about



nocturnal animals and discover which people help us, by working at night. Next we will look at the night sky and investigate lights and shiny materials, before familiarising ourselves with the Nativity story.



We will become more familiar with sequencing the **days of the week** and using vocabulary to describe the different parts of the day. A focus will be made to develop **fine motor skills**, through mark making and cutting activities, as well extending **listening skills** for all. **Daily** activities to support key **counting** and **phonic skills** have been planned and we would welcome any support to reinforce these at home. Thank you.

Miss Hansford and I really miss the opportunity to chat with you and share highlights from our day, due to COVID restrictions but please do take a regular look at **Tapestry**, as we try to post frequent snapshots of our learning, on there. Feel free to add posts from home or to email me at the above address, if you have any queries. I normally run a parents' workshop on '**Letters and Sounds**' at this time of year, which outlines how we teach phonics to develop reading and writing. Sadly, this cannot take place this year, but I will email home a powerpoint with relevant information to all Reception families. Please do ask if you have any further queries.

Please can we ask that all children come to school with a **jumper and waterproof coat** each day, as we are trying to maximise the use of our outside area. Thank you.



Details of our 'new-look' **Christmas** events will be sent home nearer the time but we are hoping that Santa will be able to send us a video message during our class party, as he will not be able to attend in person.

We look forward to a busy and increasingly exciting half term.



With kind regards
Sally Hunt