



Ash class newsletter

Second half of Autumn term 2023

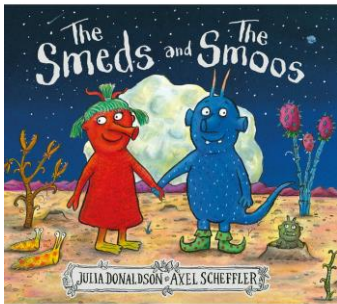
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. This half term, our theme is based around '**Families.**' Throughout, we will encourage the children to compare **similarities and differences** between themselves and others. The children will talk about how their families celebrate events such as Bonfire Night, Halloween or Christmas, and explore the themes within **Julia Donaldson's book 'The Smeds and the Smoos.'** If you do not know this book, please take a look online. It addresses some big issues in a very child-friendly way.



We will focus on helping the children with their **oral language** skills - talking and listening to others, telling stories and 'using their words' to explain how they feel and to solve conflicts.

In art, we will investigate how colours change when we mix them and will continue to develop our drawing skills by looking at famous paintings and how they show **people's emotions.** Within maths we will develop our awareness of repeated **patterns** and will incorporate patterns within **dance and music** sessions, too. The children will develop their understanding of number by matching and comparing quantities, using vocabulary such as 'more,' 'fewer' and 'the same.'

We will explore **light and shadows** and how they are used within celebrations and will learn the **Nativity** story before putting on our own production for families to come and watch. More details to follow!



We are currently teaching the children to **put on their own coats**, by first placing the hood on their head and then putting their arms in, one at a time. Please could you support your child to do this at home too.....and even get them to try to do up the zip, if they are ready for that. Many thanks.

All Ash parents and any local parents and carers with pre-school aged children are invited to join our class, from **2.40pm on Thursday 30th November** for **Story and Rhyme Time.** Nursery children who do not attend on Thursdays, are also very welcome to come along with an adult.



Other events to look out for this half term include **Children in Need** and **Flu nasal sprays** on **November 17th** and **individual photos** being taken on **November 28th.**

As always, please do come and ask if you have any queries or concerns.

We look forward to an exciting few weeks ahead,

Kind regards,

Sally Hunt