



Ash class newsletter

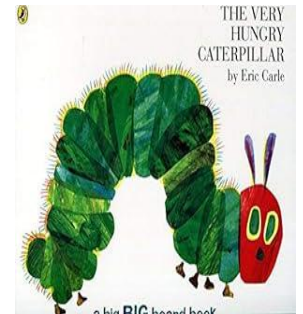
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term and a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families. We look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and helping your children to feel settled and confident in our setting.

This half term, our theme is '**Changes in the world around us**'. We will begin by learning Eric Carle's story '**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**,' before discovering how change is something **exciting and full of possibility**. The children will be exploring how things grow and transform in the world around them. We'll be observing plants as they develop, watching tadpoles grow into frogs, and learning about how eggs become chicks. As we move towards the end of the year, we'll also be talking about the exciting changes the children will experience as they get ready for their new year groups. Through this theme, the children will have valuable opportunities to build both **emotional and mental readiness** for change. By seeing how living things grow and adapt, they begin to understand that change is a natural part of life. This helps them develop confidence, curiosity and a positive mind-set as they prepare for their own transitions.



All of the children will be extending and consolidating their understanding of **number**, whatever their age or stage. Ensuring these skills are fully embedded is crucial and by playing board games with your child at home, you will be giving your child extra opportunities to do just that.

The children will be working on developing their **core strength** within our Little PE sessions, as well as practising **co-ordination** with rackets, bats and balls. In music, the children will try to keep a steady beat using instruments and will respond to different types of music through art or dance.

All of the children will undertake circle times and other activities to support their **listening and attention skills**. Many of the children will already know how to do their '**best listening**' by looking at the person who is talking, stopping what they are doing (or sitting reasonably still) and trying not to talk - but maybe you could ask them to explain 'best listening' to you! We have visual prompts under the whiteboard as reminders for the children.

The whole school will be taking part in celebrating Sir David Attenborough on Friday the 8th of May, with all children given opportunities to explore and identify the wildlife in our local woodlands.

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 the 7th May**. Nursery children who do not attend on Thursdays, are also very





welcome to come along with an adult.

The class will also be taking another **trip to Cleave Farm**, on the **14th of May** to see how things have changed, since Summer has arrived. Again, look out for a letter coming home soon, if your child is due to attend on this day.

Your child's '**Red Book**' is a great record of their progress and if you have not already done so, we would appreciate the opportunity to look at it, alongside their **2 year progress check** please. These documents help us to build a better picture of your child and to be aware of any support that may be required. If you drop them in to school, we promise to get them back to you for the end of the day. The system for undertaking 2 year old Health and Development Reviews has recently changed and so we will be chatting with you individually about this, if your child joins us this academic year, as a Rising 3 year old. Similarly, if your child's **medical needs** have changed, please could you ensure you let us know, so that we are able to care for them appropriately. Thank you.

Finally, please do come and ask if you have any queries, big or small. The end of the school day is often more convenient and private but if it is urgent please do not hesitate to contact me or see Miss Hansford, Mrs Jordan (Ash Teaching Assistants) in the mornings. We are all here to listen and help, if we can.

Looking forward to working with you and your child,
Kind regards,
Sharon Borton