



Ash Class – Autumn Term



Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a lovely summer and we are so excited to have you back! We've missed you! Also, welcome to our children who are new to Dallam. You are going to have an amazing time in Ash Class!

This is our first full term in Ash Class and there will be lots of exciting learning taking place.

"I wonder.... what makes me special?"

We will be thinking about this question during our play and learning throughout the term. We will be finding out all about ourselves, our families and our class, as well special people, places and events.

This half term we will gradually build up our timetable so that the children can get used to the different expectations in Reception. We will have all aspects of our timetable in place by the October holiday.

We will have some key books to help focus our learning. Our fiction books will include; Peace at Last, Five Minutes Peace, The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, The Squirrels who Squabbled, The Leaf Thief, Stick Man and Jesus' Christmas Party. The children will learn these stories through our Drawing Club approach. We will have daily "rhyme time" looking at poems and rhymes around these stories.

In the autumn term, our main literacy work will be around pre-writing skills as well as phonics where we learn to say, read and write the letter sounds. Children will have homework sheets sent home as and when they learn a new sound. Please complete these with your child. This will help to consolidate their learning. We will also learn to write our names, initial sounds and simple CVC words, for example "cat" and "dog".

Our main maths focus work in the autumn term will introduce us to the Numberblocks and White Rose maths. We will start to explore numbers to 5 and all the skills that go hand in hand with counting, recognising numerals, adding and subtracting quantities, subitising and many more! The children will experience lots of shape, size and measuring activities through our books. For more information on the Numberblocks scheme please visit:

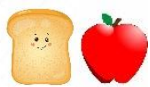
<http://www.ncetm.org.uk/numberblocks>

Tapestry

This year we will be continuing with our online learning journey Tapestry for all our Early Years children. If you are new to Tapestry you will have received an email to register and get an app on your phone or tablet device where you can see photos and videos of your child learning in school. If you have any problems with Tapestry please do not hesitate to ask the staff for support. Please also remember that the app is a great way for you to communicate with the staff or to upload pictures and details of anything exciting or amazing your child has done outside of school.

Useful Information

Snack



We are a healthy tuck school. All Reception children are entitled to free fruit every day. The fruits ranges from bananas, satsumas, apple, pears and much more! All children under 5 are entitled to free school milk so this will be available at no extra cost. Alternatively, your child can have water at snack time.

You can also pay for toast for your child at a **cost of £1 a week**. If you decide to pay weekly, your £1 for toast is to be sent into school in a **sealed, named envelope** by the **Friday morning** of the week before. If you do not have any envelopes, please do not hesitate to ask the reception staff or at the office. They will be more than happy to give you some. Alternatively, you can pay by BACs. Feel free to ask the office staff for the details.

Water



All children need a **named water bottle** that can remain in school. We will ensure these are filled with fresh water daily and washed through our dishwasher. Please make sure the bottles are dishwasher safe as we have been known to have a few shrink!



The children will have a Maths Passport sent home shortly. These will help the children to develop number fluency. Child should work on their maths passports at home and these will be worked on in school on a weekly basis.



Children are expected to read/share a book e.g. bedtime story at least 3 times a week. Parents/carers are expected to record every read in the child's yellow reading record. We change reading books once a week, however, books need to be in school **every day** so we can read with your child on different days. Also, the children will shortly be taking home Reading Rockets. These will be words that the children have to learn by sight. All children will begin on Rocket 1 and will progress up the rockets once they can confidently read and write all the words on each rocket.

Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children start school looking so smart in their school uniform. As a reminder, our school uniform is as follows:

White Dallam T-shirt

Blue Dallam jumper or cardigan

Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore (no leggings)

Black sensible school shoes which the children can fasten themselves (e.g. Velcro)

All items should be named, including footwear.

If your child has their ears pierced please ensure that they only wear stud earrings and have these removed on PE days.

PE

Our PE day is on a **Friday**. Please can you ensure that children bring the correct PE kit. Our school PE kit includes:

Blue Dallam T-shirt

Black shorts or leggings (no logos)

Plain black trainers which the children can fasten themselves (eg. Velcro)

All items should be named, including footwear.

Important dates

- Week beginning 8th September – Children in full time, from 8.40 until 3.20. **Drop children off at the nursery gate. Collect children from the classroom door.**
- Week beginning 22nd September – After school clubs begin
- 1st October – Black History Month begins
- Week beginning 29th September – Parent drop ins, Writing focus (date TBC)
- 2nd October - National Poetry Day
- 10th October – World Mental Health Day
- 24th October – school closes for half term holidays
- 3rd November – school reopens for Autumn 2
- 4th November – Halloween Disco
- Week beginning 11th November – Anti –bullying week
- 11th November – Remembrance Day
- 11th/12th November – Parent Evenings
- 14th November – Children in Need day
- 18th November – 1st session of Nasal Flu Immunisations
- 4th December – Christmas Fayre
- Week beginning 8th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance
- 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 15th December – Christmas Lunch
- 19th December – School closes at 2pm for Christmas holidays

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team