



## **Asfordby Hill Primary School**

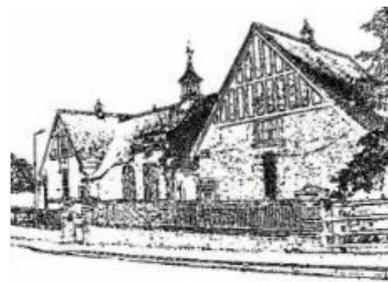
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Welcome back!

The term is now well underway having been kick-started with the children's very successful virtual reality morning to round off our space and forces science work- see class blog for more.

I would like to take this opportunity to re-iterate Mrs Millward's thanks for your support over the last two weeks with regards to the problems with the boiler and heating. Your children have been fantastic in the way they conducted themselves. They have shown us all how determined they are towards their learning in new surroundings. It has been quite an adventure!

### Curriculum Information

An India geography based theme will influence our studies in many areas but specifically through elements of our reading and writing curriculum (as we look at classic stories from Rudyard Kipling, non-chronological reports and instructions) and also having correspondence through letters and technology with a school in India.

In science we will study 'Separating Mixtures' and 'Materials'. We will be looking at the scientists that have led changes to the world we know today.

Through this topic, the children will spend a week immersed in scientific activities. Look out for more information about Asfordby Hill's Science Week. If anyone has any scientists in the family or friends who would be willing to come and speak with the classes or help alongside activities do please let me know.

In maths, the children will continue to deepen their knowledge of number using the 4 functions as well as focusing on geometry, fractions and decimals. As was the case last term we will be teaching for mastery; an approach that deepens understanding and consolidates knowledge and skills.



'Justice, poverty and wealth' will influence our RE, British Values and PSHE sessions. In PE we will be working to improve hand-eye co-ordination through table-tennis and handball and we will also be challenging ourselves to complete the school 'Golden Mile'. The sessions will usually take place on Friday but please ensure full PE kit is in school at all times as session times may change on occasion.

Homework has changed slightly this term in preparation for Year 6 and beyond. Please see children's homework booklets for the changes and dates for hand in. Times tables will be tested on **Mondays** and spelling lists will be tested on **Fridays**. Please encourage your child to read at home regularly (even if it is independently) but asking questions about what they have read is important.

Your support in listening to and discussing the text your child is reading is invaluable as it helps them to develop their skills of deduction and inference. The children have been challenged to do this with an adult at home at least once a week.

The progress made by the class in our 'brass' sessions has been great. Please encourage your child to work on the pieces they have been given to keep up this impressive level of achievement.

I have been delighted with the progress made by so many of the class since September and look forward to discussing this with you at the meetings for parents that are held after half term, dates Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

If you feel you have a particular interest or expertise in any of the areas mentioned above, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office. You would be more than welcome to join the Sycamore class!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bailey