



Computing: Children will be creating their own games using 2DIY3D which will include a maze and obstacles.

Please note... Children need to be wearing the correct uniform at all times. We take pride in our school and are very proud of how smart the children look when wearing the correct uniform. Children should also bring a water bottle to school to drink throughout the day. It should contain only water and be clearly named. Snacks can be provided from home for break time but please ensure they are healthy (e.g. fruit or veg). Your support in this area would be greatly appreciated.

It is essential that the children have their kits in school at all times. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure about what your child should wear for PE. This term swimming lessons will take place on a Friday morning for children in Ash class. A separate letter containing more details will be sent out to the children in Magnolia class before their lessons begin.

Home learning: Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school the following Wednesday. Home learning set will be based on learning that has taken place in the classroom. It is important that home learning is completed to the best of your child's ability and handed in on time otherwise a consequence will be given. Home learning club will run on a Tuesday lunchtime for any children who are unable to complete the work at home. Children should also be practising their times tables and spellings on a weekly basis in preparation for their tests in school.

Show & Tell: Children will continue to participate in show and tell sessions during this term. Remember to check the timetables displayed on Magnolia Class' window and the door leading into Ash Class to ensure you know when it is your turn.

Dates for your diary:

Magnolia library visits—16.01.18, 13.02.18, 13.03.18.

Ash library visits—23.01.18, 27.02.18, 20.03.18.

02.03.18—Magnolia Class start swimming lessons.

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What on Earth?



Year 4
Spring Term

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Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with you to support your child's learning.

Year 4 team:

Mr Johnston (Ash Class Teacher)

Miss Best (Magnolia Class Teacher, Acting LKS2 Phase Leader)

Mrs Dudley (Teaching Assistant)

Mr Holder (Assistant Head Teacher)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any concerns, we will do our best to answer your queries. The happiness of your child is very important to us all.

Our topic:

We are really excited about this term's topic, which is called 'What on Earth?' and is a new topic this academic year. It will focus on developing an understanding of how humans affect the Earth and to question whether we have a negative or positive impact. Children will understand what is meant by pollution and explore ways in which humans can positively impact on the sustainability of Earth. We hope you will encourage your child to research this topic at home as this will support them during their lessons.



English: Our key text for this term is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling but we will also be looking at stories from other cultures. The genres we will be covering include narrative, letters and journalistic writing. In addition, each child will be given a reading book which will need to be read to an adult at home on a regular basis.

Maths: This term, we will be focusing on problem solving, where we will expect the children to apply their mathematical knowledge of the four operations. The children will continue to complete their times table tests as well as developing their reasoning skills further.

Science: We will start this term by looking at states of matter and finding out the differences between solids, liquids and gases. We will then move on to our investigative unit, where the children will have the opportunity to design and carry out their own experiments.

PE: This term, our PE sessions will have a dance and games focus. Our PE days are Tuesday (Magnolia) and Thursday (both classes). Ash class will continue to have swimming lessons and Magnolia class will begin their swimming lessons in the second half of the term.

Geography: This term, we will be looking at the human impact on the Earth and different ways of making limiting this.

Design and Technology: In Design and Technology we will be challenging children to think of a useful object they can make using recycled plastic.

Art: In Art, we will be looking at Paul Klee and his work on landscapes. We will use a range of media to create landscapes of our own.

RE: We will be learning about the main religions through stories with a focus on giving service. We will also be looking at religion in the local environment and visiting a church.

French: The children will be learning vocabulary which can be used to describe themselves and others. They will also learn the names for school subjects and use these to express their likes and dislikes.