Ash Class Newsletter
Autumn 2 - 2026

Spanish
The children will continue with phonics to start lessons before moving to a quick recap of greetings and family. The main focus is Seasons. Children will be tasked every week with speaking, listening, reading and writing in Spanish.

English
After finishing our non-chronological reports based on a mountain of our choice, we will be reading Moth by Isabel Thomas and using this poetic text as a basis to improve and develop our own descriptive writing, linked to our learning in Science about Evolution. Finally, this half term, we will be returning to fictional writing based on the book 'I believe in Unicorns' by Michael Morpurgo. In Spelling, we will be learning the prefix 'over', suffix 'ful', as well as continuing with a new set of challenge words. Finally, in Reading, we will be focussing on word vocabulary through a WW2 text in the style of a graphic novel 'My Secret War Diary' in addition to structure and layout of a text based on Charles Darwin's 'The Origin of the Species'.

RE
We will be exploring the idea of Creation in the Bible and comparing this with the idea of Evolution in Science. These ideas will be debated, and we will be discussing if they are complimentary or conflicting viewpoints.

PSHE & Citizenship
Our Jigsaw topic is "Celebrating Difference". The children will be able to explain ways in which different cultures, beliefs or lifestyles can be a source of conflict or a cause for celebration. They will also be able to express their own attitudes towards people who are different and empathise with their circumstances.



What impact did WW2 have on our area?
We will be learning about the reasons behind WW2, why children were evacuated and what it would have been like to have lived in Woodbury and Exmouth during WW2: coping with rationing and air raids.
We will also discover how Woodbury Common was used as a decoy airport, what it was like to be a marine at Dalditch Camp, and about the contribution and experiences of American Black soldiers who were posted to Exeter during WW2.



Was Charles Darwin right?
We will be learning how living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will also investigate how offspring vary and are normally not identical to their parents. Finally, we will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

PE
This half term, the children will be developing their attack and defence skills, within netball and work alongside professional rugby trainer from Exeter Chiefs in Tag Rugby.

Maths
Fractions
We will be starting this unit by comparing and ordering fractions: both improper and mixed number. This will involve simplifying and converting fractions. Once this is secure, we will learn how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators, including mixed numbers. In addition to this, we will also be learning how to multiply fractions and how to divide a fraction by an integer. Although there will be an element of problem solving, the main focus will be on calculation skills.
Decimals
Initially, we will be revisiting our prior learning on multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. This will then lead into us learning how to write fractions as decimals and look at multiplying and dividing fractions, which involves some regrouping and renaming by 1-digit numbers. We will also be multiplying and dividing decimals by 2-digit numbers and will be solving a range of real-life word problems.

Art, Design and DT
Our focus is "How can Art show the realities of war?"
We will be looking at the work of significant artists on the theme of war: focusing in particular on *Totes Meer* by Paul Nash. We will also be carrying out detailed drawings of wartime objects and using these to create a group collage depicting conflict.

Home Learning will be made available, along with the two set deadlines: Friday 20th November and Friday 11th December. **Please can you actively ask to see their Home Learning and/or how they are getting along with it to encourage discussion and progress in preparation for their deadlines.**

PE
Monday – Netball / Thursday – Tag Rugby . **Please ensure your child comes dressed in their full PE kit, and hoodie. Additionally, please can you continue to check your child's shoe size for the correct size trainer.**

Remembrance Memorial – Wednesday 11th November

Trips and Parent Event (11.12.26)
Please see a separate letter which will go out the first week of the term with information about the different events linked to our WWII unit of study.