



Curriculum Overview Autumn 1 - Class 1:

English Writing: Humorous stories, letters and postcards, poems on a theme

English Comprehension: Verbal/written answers to questions about short pieces of text or familiar stories

English SPaG: Use conjunctions verbally then in writing (and, but, because)

Use capital letters and full stops to demark sentences (Yr1 and 2)

Phonics: See email sent to all Class 1 parents (Monster Phonics)

Mathematics: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. Measures

Science: Animals including humans

History: Nursing - Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell

Art and D.T: Roy Lichtenstein. Chalk and charcoal drawing

Textiles – making an apron/sewing

RSE: Family and relationships

P.E: Fundamental movement skills

R.E: What do my senses tell me about the world of religion and belief? Why do Christians celebrate harvest? Hinduism and Judaism

Music: People who help us, farming and harvest songs

Handwriting: Correct letter and numeral formation. Effective pencil grip and control.

Curriculum Overview Autumn 1 - Class 2:

English Writing: Roman Myths & Legends, Newspaper Reports, Poetry, Non-fiction Instructions

English Comprehension: A range, including CPG text extracts.

English SPaG: A range to include verbs, adverbs, conjunctions, dialogue, expanding sentences, editing

Phonics: Weekly spelling test based on Year 3/4 High Frequency words, prefixes and suffixes

Mathematics: Place Value, Money, Shape & Space, 4 rules of Number, Time, Measurement. Weekly times tables tests.

Science: Animals including Humans, Rocks

Geography: Not applicable this term, except as part of our History topic

History: The Romans are Coming! We also have a special visitor later this term...

Art: Celtic designs and shields, Human images, clay work.

D.T: A healthy Meal for a Roman Soldier on the March.

RSE: Families and Relationships.

P.E: Cricket, weekly P.E with Adam.

R.E: How people commit to a religion or viewpoint. What is the Trinity?

Music: Listening, Composing, Performing.

Handwriting: 'Letterjoin' cursive.

Our Class Reader to begin with is 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd.

Curriculum Overview Autumn 1 - Class 3:

English Writing: We are reading 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo this term. We will be writing a variety of genres, including diary entries, historical stories and narratives from different characters' perspectives.

English Comprehension: Our comprehension will be sometimes linked to War Horse and sometimes based on texts from CGP comprehension books.

English SPaG: We will be focussing on a range of skills including revising word classes, modal verbs, relative clauses and using parenthesis.

Mathematics: Place value (understanding 6 and 7 digit numbers), using the four operations and fractions, decimals and percentages. Class 3 will also do regular 20-minute Arithmetic sessions.

Science: Living Things and their Habitats - including both plants and animals.

Geography: There will be elements of Geography in our History based topic, such as identifying key locations from WWI and WWII on world maps.

History: World at War - elements of WWI and WWII

Art and D.T: Picasso and Degenerative Art (linked to WWII) and Designing a Slipper

RSE: Families and Relationships

P.E: Cricket and Swimming

R.E: Philosophy - Is believing in God reasonable?

Music: Music through WWII and seasonal music such as Harvest and Christmas

Handwriting: Daily practice focussing on cursive letter formation and joining our letters correctly. We will also use handwriting time to practise key spellings



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RE: Educational Visits and Transport to Sporting Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today about voluntary contributions towards educational visits. Even though we make the most of our local environment and take our pupils on exploration walks and short visits to places of interest in our local area, there are times when we want to invite professionals in, or take our pupils further afield to expose them to as many experiences as possible (and have fun learning). We also want them to partake in sporting events in the local area – something that they have not been part of for a while, as I understand.

As we have very limited places to visit in Ashdon, due to the more rural location, we sometimes must look at places that require us to book transport there and back; this includes sporting events. This adds a great amount to the cost of any educational visit, as you can imagine. We do not want to let this hinder the chances of our pupils gaining the experiences that could make learning new skills and competing in sporting events even more enjoyable.

In addition to these events further away from Ashdon, we also have professionals visiting our school, exposing our pupils to aspects in their learning that comes 'alive' as a result. I have never seen our pupils bored or disinterested during any of these educational events – just ask Class 2 and 3 about their cricket lessons this week with Mr. Scott!!

This brings me to my point: Parents and carers have been asked in the past to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of some trips to cover the cost of transport and other expenses incurred in providing an education/experiences from other professionals (inside or outside school), but which still take place during school hours. We have, as a school, tried to keep parental contributions as low as possible. However, this is becoming increasingly difficult in the current economic circumstances. Along with this, the cost of transport to attend sporting events is astronomical, to say the least.

We are living through a cost of living crisis which affects everyone, and school budgets are affected too. However, it is important for our children to benefit from all the many and varied experiences on offer, regardless of Ashdon being a small school in a rural area.

I am aware that these are voluntary contributions, and therefore I want to implore all parents and carers to please see where you could possibly help towards payments for your child's educational visits and additional learning experiences or possibly offer to help with transporting your children, if they're in sports teams, to local events. This would be greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, booked educational visits may be affected if a significant amount of the cost is not collected. The school would then have to consider cancelling some trips, as we simply cannot afford to subsidise these events. Should financing a trip be an issue for you, please do not hesitate to contact the school as there may be something we can do to help support you with this.

Kindest regards,

Ms. Reynecke

Headteacher

Uniform for 2023-2024

Trousers	Navy Blue
Shorts	Navy Blue (Smart)
Skirts	Navy Blue
Pinafore	Navy Blue
Polo Shirt	Light Blue
Jumpers	Navy Blue
Cardigans	Navy Blue
Sweat-shirt	Navy Blue
Summer Dress	Blue & White Check
School Shoes	Black (No Trainers/no boots)
P.E Kit Winter	Navy Sweatshirt & Tracksuit Bottoms
P.E Kit Summer	Navy Polo Shirt and Navy Blue Shorts
P.E Shoes	Black Plimsolls or Black trainers
Swimming Kit	Swimsuit (girls) Swimming Trunks (boy) Swimming hat Pool will not allow boys wearing long swimming trunks Towel
Hair Accessories	Blue, white or black only
Jewellery	Earrings: small studs only Watch



We are keeping the Uniform Reminder on the newsletter for a week or two longer to make 100% sure that your children are wearing the correct uniform. Parents, please pay attention to all aspects of your child's uniform. This includes shoes, P.E. kits, jewellery, and especially hair accessories. Everyone needs to follow the uniform rules please. Thanks again to those that look so incredibly smart already! :-)

Harvest Festival:

As you all know, Harvest Festival is an annual celebration that occurs every Autumn Term. In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest festivals are held in September or October depending on local tradition. At Ashdon, we will celebrate it on Friday 29th September, however the festival will take place on the Sunday 1st October. The modern Harvest Festival celebrations include singing hymns, praying, and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food. In Britain, it is traditional for churches, chapels and schools to collect non-perishable items which are given to those less fortunate e.g. food banks, retirement village charities, The Salvation Army etc. We will have an **assembly on Friday 29th September at 09:15** where we will display all the gifts we receive from parents and carers. We will have a **competition** between the three classes to see which class could gather the most food for the less fortunate. Please make sure that you **give/drop the food off at your child's class** and not the office, so that the items can be counted fairly before the Friday Assembly. We will make sure that we have places to receive these items and might ask a few parents to help drop these items off at specific places. **The winning class will have a prize that will be revealed on the day of the assembly.**

Year 7 Admissions!!!

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round **opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023**, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024. **The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.** Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Attendance Winners!



First Place: Class 1 and 2 = 100%



Third Place: Class 3 = 98.96%

Well done Class 1 and 2, you are our weekly winners!!! You earned yourselves an extra 10 minutes playtime on Friday afternoon!

Important Dates and Events:



- Monday Show Assemblies are changing back to Friday Celebration Assemblies. This will give our pupils the opportunity to also sing and have more musical performances, led by Mrs. Clark. :-)
- Meet the teacher session: You will hear all about the timetable, curriculum, daily running of the class, things we as a school are focussing on etc.
- Tuesday 19th September - Meet the teacher - Parents of Class 1 @ 15:45
- Wednesday 20th September - Meet the teacher - Parents of Class 2 @ 15:45
- Thursday 21st September - Meet the teacher - Parents of Class 3 @ 15:45
- National Fitness Day - Pupils will come to school in their uniforms and change in school for NFD as we will have a few activities to do throughout the day! :-)
- Friday 22nd September - Celebration Assembly @ 09:15
- Friday 29th September - Celebration Assembly @ 09:15 - Mrs Jarman to lead assembly
- Monday 2nd October - Jen Shackleton EFT Parent Assembly @ 09:15 (Emotional Freedom Technique) - No Friday Celebration Assembly on the 6th October