

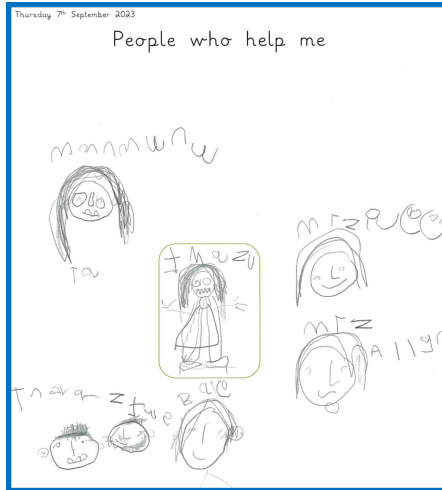
# Splendid Start!

## Class 1

In Class 1 we have been thinking about 'People who help us'. We had to think about people we know who have helped us and we went on a Treasure Hunt to find these 'treasures' in school that are kind, caring and super helpful! If we have parents/carers that help others outside school, please tell us, as we would like to hear all about it.

People Who Help Us in School

Mrs Osbourne	✓✓
Mrs McCormick	✓
Mrs Bishop	✓
Ms Reynecke	✓



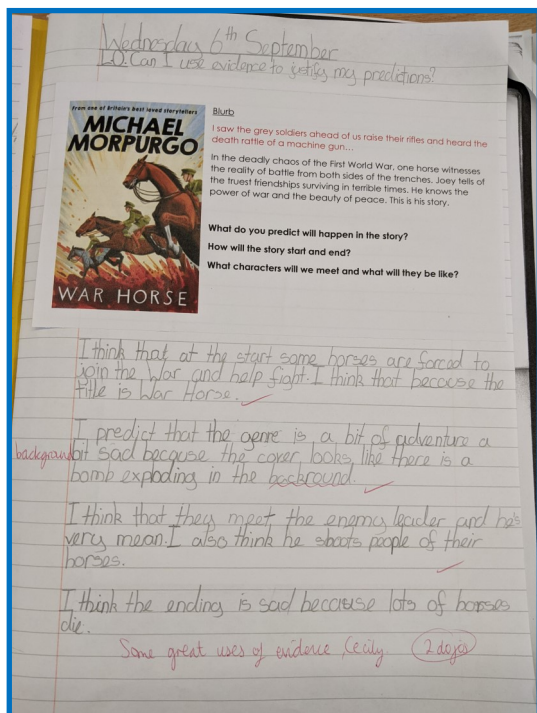
## Class 2

In preparation for our topic, 'The Romans Are Coming', Class 2 were given the challenge of arranging parts of our Great Britain timeline into the right order. They were organised by Sophia and Thane! We did this to see exactly WHEN the Romans came to Great Britain. Can YOU find them on our timeline?

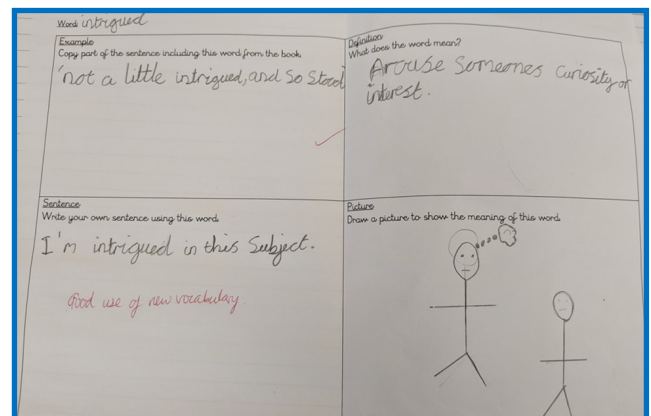


## Class 3

In Class 3 pupils are reading 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo. They had to read a part of the story and then predict what will happen! Look at the beautiful presentation! One of our focuses at Ashdon is PRESENTATION of our beautiful work!



Another learning point we are focussing on is: **VOCABULARY!** It is important to expand your vocabulary in order to write interesting things in your writing.





All the staff, governors, parents and pupils just want to say a very warm welcome to our new members of staff who joined us this term!

We want to say welcome to **Mrs. Collins** who will be in Class 1 on Mondays. Mrs. Collins was brought up in this area and her brother was one of the pupils here at Ashdon! Mrs. Lunn, of course, taught him as well. Mrs. Collins spent all Monday and Tuesday with us in training and is very excited to start her journey here at Ashdon. Please say good morning to Mrs. Collins on Monday and make her feel right at home.

We also want to welcome **Mrs. Johnson**, our Class 3 teacher. Parents and carers possibly met Mrs. Johnson already this week. She will be our English Lead, look after French, R.E. and RSHE! Don't worry, we will all help her handle all these responsibilities. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Johnson here and super lucky that she was trained by one of our local Headteachers — Mr. Jarman from St. Mary's a few years ago! What a small world!

*Thank you*

## Team Tidy Up!!

Everyone at Ashdon wants to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to very kind parents and a few children who helped to tidy our school outside during the holidays! We all worked our socks off, trimming bushes, pressure washing floors, throwing away many things that cluttered our beautiful school.

*I want to say a special thank you to:*

**Kristi, Adam and Harry Thacker**  
**Jemma and Stuart Hume**  
**Kate, Cecily and Kit Wickson**  
**Ken, Nia, Raffy and Toba Ellen-Turnip**  
**Debbie Gibson**





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## **RE: Routines at School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are working really hard on following instructions as well as transitioning into, and out of, school. We are also practising transitioning (walking) around the school. In order to do this really well, we have been practising these transitions with our pupils, and they all are trying incredibly hard to do this. One of these days we have 100% of them doing it. :-)

Part of the rationale behind this is to ensure that we do not waste learning time and make sure our pupils settle into class and their lessons really quickly.

You might have seen last term that I used 'non-verbals' with the pupils (showing 1, 2 and 3 with my fingers), instructing them to stand, line up, sit and transition to and from class. Make sure you ask your child about this, as they will give you more details or even a demonstration!

This brings me to my next point: Transitions into school in the morning.

### **We would like for us all to adhere to the following please:**

#### **Playground in the morning:**

The whistle will blow at 09:00 and pupils will line up immediately.

Pupils, parents and staff will all be expected to be silent (we as adults model that, we are also following the rules)

When the whistle blows at 09:00, parents must make their way to the gate immediately please. You can use both gates to exit; however, the gate near the library will close at 09:05 promptly.

If your child is late, after 09:00, please take them to the front office.

The register closes at 09:10 and if your child arrives after that, they will be marked in as late.

#### **Dismissal in the courtyard:**

All pupils must wait with their teacher and say 'goodbye' before they can go to their parents/person collecting them—we just want to make sure that our pupils are safe and that they are indeed collected by the correct person. This means that pupils will not be able to just run off to parents.

#### **Assemblies on Friday:**

We appreciate it so incredibly much when our parents/carers join us for our assemblies. The staff and children absolutely love showing everyone their lovely work and what they have learned. The audience has been so respectful and attentive when pupils presented their work and we are grateful for that. A slight change to how we used to do things: We want to ask that parents and carers are silent once they see the first pupil walk into the hall. We would be so grateful if all adults in the hall could help us with modelling 'being silent' to our pupils.

I want to thank each and every parent/carer/family member in advance for helping our pupils 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



A huge thank you to parents and carers who made sure that our lovely pupils are wearing the correct uniform. They look lovely and so smart! Please make sure that your children also have the correct P.E. kit as we will be doing lots of exercising! Also make sure that you take out earrings on P.E. days. Class 3 parents and carers, please make sure that your child has a P.E. kit as well as a swimming kit ready. Thanks :-)

## Attendance Winners!



**First Place: Class 2-100%**



**Second Place: Class 1-98.7%**



**Third Place: Class 3-98.4%**

**Well done Class 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 Show Assemblies. This will give our pupils the opportunity to also sing and have more musical performances, led by Mrs. Clark. :-)
- Friday 15th September—Show Assembly @09:15
- 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
- Friday 22nd September—Show Assembly @ 09:15
- Friday 29th September—Show Assembly @ 09:15
- Monday 2nd October—Jen Shackleton EFT Parent Assembly @ 09:15 (Emotional Freedom Technique) - No Friday Show Assembly this week