

Year 2 Ash and Birch Newsletter – Summer 2



Dear Parents/Carers:

We hope you were able to find some time to relax and rest over the half-term break.

The following is an overview of our online learning this half term. Please do have a look on the website at our chronology for further detail.

Our big question this term is 'Can we learn from each other to make a difference?' We will be making links to this throughout all of our teaching when appropriate.

In **English**, we will have a focus on story writing and grammar. We will use story books as our stimulus and where possible link our activities to other areas of the curriculum.

Please continue to **read** with your child every day for at least 15 minutes and discuss what has happened in the text to ensure that your child can show understanding and develop their vocabulary. You can do this with books you already have at home or the texts available on BugClub and Epic.

Our **Geography** topic is Kenya. We will locate Africa and Kenya on a world map, explore the climate and weather of Kenya, investigate the animals and landscapes and learn about the people and culture. We'll also compare the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK.

Our first **Maths** focus this half term will be Multiplication and Division. We will then move on to Geometry: Position and Direction and Fractions. Then we will cover Measurement and Time. We will practise our problem solving and reasoning skills to make sure that the children can apply the mathematical skills we are learning to solve real-life problems. Please continue to support your child by practising their and times tables and number bonds.

In **Science**, our topic will be Scientists and Inventors. We will investigate whether Doctors are Scientists and learn about the work of Louis Pasteur, Charles Macintosh, Rachel Carson. We will also explore renewable energy.

In **Music** we will encourage children to listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music. We will be setting tasks so children can experiment with, create, select and combine sounds.



In **Religious Education** this term our unit of learning is titled: God and Nature. We will be learning about different creation stories. We will also be learning about key stories shared in different religions and searching for their meanings.

For **P.E.** we encourage you to get outdoors every day for a walk, jog or cycle. You can also complete Joe Wickes PE lessons every morning.

Our **Art** lessons will be focusing on African Art to link to our Geography and Literacy topics. We're going to be practising different skills to explore shape, pattern and colour. We'll create African sunsets, jewellery and masks.

In **Computing** our new topic is a focus on Making Music and also some writing and art projects linked to the topic of Kenya, on the PurpleMash platform.

Our **PSHE** lessons will focus on mental and emotional wellbeing. We'll spend time considering how to manage friendships and relationships, making decisions, reflecting on lockdown and embracing change and transition.

As we continue to navigate this unusual time for us all, please know we understand the challenges faced by families when completing learning online. If we can do anything to support, please get in touch. There is a wide range of resources available on the school website to improve your home learning experience.

Stay safe everyone and thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Chandler, Ms. Bell, Mr. Stein, Cristina and Kabita

