Ash Class Curriculum Letter

Hello and welcome back, I hope you have all had a great Christmas and New Year. As always this half term is busy- we will be starting phase 3 in a couple of weeks which adds a whole new level to learning to read!

As always please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries at all.

You can contact me in school, via Class Dojo or by email: mmoore@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on non-fiction texts linked to Space and Dinosaurs and will be learning how to draw information from them as well as how to navigate our way around a non-fiction book. We will also be comparing fiction and non-fiction books and begin to write simple labels and captions using our ever growing phonological knowledge.
We will be linking our work to the FANTASTIC rainbow which closely follows the school scheme that is used to teach high quality English lessons.

Phonics

This half term we will be consolidating all of what we have been learning in phase 2 phonics and beginning Phase 3. This is where phonics steps up a notch so it is really important children read often at home, it is hard to expect

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Space
Dinosaurs
Chinese New Year

Maths

We will be beginning to look at the concept of time- day/night and what happens before/after/next/later/ earlier etc.
We will then be recapping on the composition of numbers to 5, comparing mass and capacity, working within numbers to 8, combining two amounts, making pairs and studying length and height.

RE

Mrs Potter will teach RE to the reception children on a Friday morning.

Physical Development

During our Monday PE lesson we will be completing our lessons with the theme 'Rumble in the Jungle' which is where we will be travelling like different animals using our hands and feet as well as recapping ways we can roll and underarm and overarm throwing skills. We will also be focusing on negotiating

children to be confident readers if they do not practice what we are learning once they get home.		our way around obstacles safely. We will also have plenty of activities in our classroom and outdoor area to develop our fine and gross motor skills which will be a huge part of our provision.
Understanding the World Our main focus this half term is to know some similarities and differences between the world around us and contrasting environments as well as comparing Chinese New Year to how we celebrate New Year. We will be trying some Chinese food and participating in ways we can celebrate Chinese New Year traditionally.	**Forest School** Forest School sessions will be on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has forest clothes and wellingtons in school 	**Homework** Activities to complete at home will be sent home during week2 which will link closely to what we are learning. This is not compulsory but it is lovely for children to expand on what they have been learning at school in a fun, multi-sensory way at home!
PSHE/ PSED This half term in PSHE we will be focusing what is safe to go onto and into our body, listening to our feelings, keeping safe online and people who help to keep us safe.	**Expressive Arts and Design** There will be constant child initiated activities in our areas of provision for the children to access whenever they wish but we will have specific art and design activities spread over the half term, we will be focusing on exploring the use of tools and materials. We will also be sewing our own teddy- watch this space!	**Communication and Language** We will be focusing on learning and using new vocabulary in a range of contexts! Listen out and encourage the use of more complex words at home- it is a great way of expanding children's knowledge and enabling them to become a mini dictionary ☺