



**Ashlands**  
Church of England  
Primary School

**Headteacher:** Miss Nicola Ball  
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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents,

### **Welcome back to KS2!**

The children have come back eager and full of energy from the Christmas break, and have hit the ground running, already working hard on their Maths, English and Geography.

#### **Our World and beyond**

This term our main topic will be taught through both Geography and Science. In Geography, we have already started learning about the causes, effects and impacts of earthquakes and volcanoes around the world. In Science, we will be exploring Earth's position in the solar system, the movement of the Earth, Moon and Sun as part of the Solar System and understanding that the Earth is a spherical form.

#### **PE**

Our PE this term will be gymnastics, some of these sessions may be outside and some in the hall. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed with the appropriate kit to take part in both the indoor and outdoor sessions (ie including tracksuit trousers and a warm top).

For the first half term, Dormice class will also be participating in dance sessions with Keri Hill on Fridays, these sessions will expose the children to different forms of dance. Children in Year 5 and 6 who have opted to take part in the evening performance at the Octagon Theatre are starting to learn their performance as well.

#### **Outdoor Lessons**

This term our outdoor lessons are currently on hold as the Forest School Area is a saturated mud bath! Between now and half-term each class will have the opportunity to take part in the RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch around the school grounds. As soon as we are able to re-open the Forest School, we will send out the dates.

#### **Homework**

**Reading:** Last term most children successfully achieved their 20 reads certificate with several children reaching 50, 70 and beyond. This term we are

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challenging the children to reach at least 100 reads by the end of the end of the Spring Term. For those who have already achieved this we will give an individual target. Each week the children are asked to read at home at least 3 times and record this in their reading logbook and on their treasure maps - the children have been shown how to record an appropriate comment. Please take this as an opportunity to read with your children and discuss the books that they are reading. This is not limited to their school reading books, if there is a book at home that they are sharing with you this can also be logged.

**English and Maths:** each week the children will have an English focused task, this may be related to the in class SPaG work, a comprehension task or a written topic task. They will also have a maths task using their arithmetic skills or practising skills learnt in class. For completing and handing this work in on time the children will have the opportunity to earn House Points as part of our whole school reward system.

If you have any questions or queries, please do come and speak to any member of the KS2 Team.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dodkin, Mrs Hooper, Mrs Radford and Miss Wines.