



Angora Class Newsletter Term 1&2

Our topic for Term 1

We are exploring ‘What makes us proud of Ashford?’ The children will be learning about their local area this term. We will be exploring our school and thinking about the area where we live. We will learn about local ‘landmarks’ of Ashford and what you would normally find in a town, making lots of different maps along the way. We will explore how the school has changed from when it was built, and how Ashford is changing. We will be thinking about what makes Ashford great and what we would recommend to anyone visiting the area.

We will be learning these skills:

- Looking closely and make observations about what we can see and what has changed, to identify everyday materials and what we use them for.
- Printing and rubbing techniques.
- Making simple maps and plans (using keys).



Our topic for Term 2

We are exploring ‘Why do we remember anniversaries?’ focusing on Bonfire Night and then Christmas. We will learn about why we still commemorate Bonfire Night and its origins, and why this makes it special. We will think about what Christmas means to different people, and how and why we celebrate it.

We will be learning these skills:

- Learning about significant events and people from history.
- Comparing sources and looking at artefacts.
- Looking at what different people believe and how they celebrate special events.



Class news:

The children have managed the transition back to school amazingly well, and we are so proud of how they have come back after the Summer holidays ready to learn!

- This year we will be taking part in the Daily 10 challenge. Every day each class will do 10 minutes of physical activity to boost our fitness levels. It’s been a tough start but we are getting fitter every day!
- P.E days are **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Children need to come school dressed in the school P.E. kit on these days.
- Reading books—we will be sending out reading books soon once we have had a chance to assess where the children are. Reading books will be changed on a **Monday and Friday**.

We look forward to what will hopefully be a fun packed term!

Miss Caddy, Miss Wisdom and Miss Wheeler

In English we will be

exploring the story of the Gruffalo and using the story to inspire us with writing sentences using our sounds, finger spaces and full stops.

In phonics we are:

Reviewing the **Phase 3** graphemes:

ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er.

Practising reading and saying the **Phase 4** cluster sounds, e.g cl, st, br, str, nk, nt,

After these, we will start learning to read and write the **Phase 5** alternative graphemes for sounds we already know. (e.g. ai = ay, a_e, ee=ea, e_e, ey).

In Maths we will be

counting to 10 forwards and backwards.

Writing numbers to 10 in numbers and words.

Finding 1 more/1 less to 10. Practising our number bonds within 10 (e.g. $7=6+1$, $7=5+2$, $7=4+3$).

Comparing groups/numbers to say which has more/greater and less/fewer up to 10.

Begin to explain/describe how they have found the answer.

Solving addition and subtraction problems within 10, and using the + - = signs.

Towards Christmas we will also be exploring numbers up to 20.

In Science we will be

Exploring what different objects are made from, and learning the correct names for these materials.

Exploring the properties of materials (e.g. hard, soft, transparent, rough).

Looking for signs of Autumn and thinking about how the weather/temperature changes as we move from Summer—Autumn—Winter.

In PE we will be

Learning football skills with Elite coaching.

Practising throwing and aiming skills using beanbags and Boccia balls.

Using the Curling Stones to practise moving an object at different speeds and aiming at a target.

Our P.E. days are **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**. Children can come in wearing their P.E. kits on these days.

Useful websites:

Maths:

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/addition-and-subtraction

Phonics/English:

www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

www.phonicsbloom.com/

How you can help your child:

- *make sure they have plenty of sleep*
- *make sure they have a good breakfast*
- *try to read with them every day*
- *help them to learn their spellings or encourage them to use spelling shed at home*
- *support them in completing any homework tasks*
- *encourage them to speak to an adult if they are having problems with anything*
- *make sure they are on time and in school every day*
- *you could also ask them what they have been learning in school*