



Ash Green Express

April 2018



Welcome back after long, refreshing Easter break!



SCHOOL TRIPS!

Year 1 will be going to the Rainbow Factory in Leeds for an exciting and magical experience in the art of storytelling through drama, role play and writing. Upper site will go on Friday 20th April and the lower site on Monday 23rd April.

Year 2 will have a wonderful visit from Florence Nightingale on Wednesday 18th April.



Y2 SATs



Standard Attainment Tests will be ongoing for the Y2 pupils during this half term.

These tests are extremely important!

Please make sure your child has a good breakfast, gets plenty of sleep and arrives promptly every morning. The children have been well-prepared for these assessments through their classroom learning all year. However, if you require more information please visit www.gov.uk/education/primary-curriculum-key-stage-1-tests-and-assessments where previous assessments can be accessed or speak directly to the class teacher, who will be happy to help.

Spring is here!

The clocks have been moved forward, the days are getting longer and the weather is improving. Even if the weather looks fine, please make sure your child comes to school in a coat every day. Children may leave their coats on their pegs if the day turns out to be warm, but our playgrounds can be very windy and cold, even when the sun is shining!

Please also make sure that they bring sun cream and a hat on hot days!



Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 25th April: Clubs restart

Monday 7th May: Closed for May Day

W/c 7th and 14th May: Year 2 SATs

Friday 25th May: School closes

Y1 Phonics

Y1 pupils will be particularly busy this half term practising their phonics skills, in preparation for the National Phonics Screening in June. This involves the pupils being able to recognise all the different sounds taught so far and read a variety of real and nonsense words using these skills. It will only take about 10 minutes per child and is completed in a relaxed and comfortable way. Some Y2 pupils will also re-take the Phonics Screening to evidence progress throughout this year. Please continue to read regularly at home with your child. Information and past screening checks are freely available at www.gov.uk/education/phonics and there are plenty of websites offering information, advice and activities to complete at home. Y1 teachers are also happy to help and discuss any questions you may have.

Each half term we give your child an individual writing and numeracy target. We would very much appreciate it if you could continue to work with your child on this target at home. Please speak to the class teacher if you would like some ideas on how you could help your child at home. Here are your child's new WRITING and NUMERACY targets to work towards this half term!

What's going on in Year Two?



Our topic is...

Florence Nightingale

In our Florence Nightingale topic we will learn about horrible diseases and the terrible state of hospitals during the Crimean War. Through our exciting visitor, we will learn about Florence's life and how she managed to make changes to these dirty, appalling conditions. Combining our science work about healthy food and our literacy work on instructions, we will prepare a delicious vegetable soup, just like Florence did for the soldiers in the war! We will also imagine what it was like to be a wounded soldier or a nurse during this time and will write postcards from the soldiers to their families.

Literacy:

We have many exciting writing opportunities coming up over this half term! We will be writing instructions to make Florence Nightingale's 'Feel Good Soup'! Following this, we will be writing exciting stories about soldiers during the Crimean war and finish with a non-fiction text about Florence Nightingale. These will require us to write different sentence types (commands, statements, questions, exclamations), use conjunctions and write adverbs using the 'ly' suffix. We will begin to focus on joined handwriting and more accurate spelling in all pieces of work.

Maths:

In maths we will be continuing to develop our understanding of different measures and scales. We will be comparing mass, length, capacity and temperature using the $>$, $<$ and $=$ signs. We will also look at money, including different ways to make the same amount, finding totals and giving change. Going to the shop, counting up coins from a pocket or purse or simply playing with money is a great way to familiarise children with the value of each coin. We will continue to practise telling the time so please keep up this essential skill at home. We will also be practising our mental arithmetic, encouraging the children to work out simple answers quickly in their head.

Science: This half term we will continue to learn about animals and humans. We will consider the basic needs of humans and animals, thinking about the soldiers at war. This will be followed by learning about different types of food and whether they are healthy or not. We will sort the food into different categories and work on creating balanced meals and menus.



Key words for this topic:

Florence Nightingale
hygiene
measures
soldier

Crimean War
nurse
patient
Turkey

disease
hospital
filth
coins

healthy
balanced
carbohydrates
protein

