Mathematics

As mathematicians, Year 4 will be learning to write decimal equivalents of common fractions and find the effect of dividing a one- or two-digit number by 10 and 100. We will move on to rounding decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.

Year 3 mathematicians will learn about money, converting between pounds and pence. They will add and subtract money and find change when solving multi-step problems.

We will be learning to tell the time to the nearest minute and convert between 12 and 24 hour clocks.

In our geometry work, the children will compare and classify geometric shapes, based on properties.

PΕ

Ash Class will participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending. We will put these skills into practice at the upcoming football and rounders tournaments!

Geography

Our big question this half term is: How can we live more sustainably? We will learn about the concepts of sustainability and sustainable development through a number of examples that will be familiar to the children such as 'bags for life' at supermarkets. To bring the topic to life, we are taking part in the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Schools Campaign and are going to Exmouth Beach as part of the Million Mile Clean.

Million Mile Clean - Surfers Against Sewage (sas.org.uk)

English

As creative writers, we will be looking at the book 'The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and using this to write a narrative. We will be focusing on the use of precise verbs, interesting adjectives and to vary sentence length for effect using short sentences and complex sentences with a relative clause. Ash Class writers will also learn to use adverbials and expanded noun phrases to add description and detail to their writing. Later in the term, our non fiction work will include writing a newspaper report about the arrival of the Iron Man using inverted commas to indicate direct speech.

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Science

As scientists, we will explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration in a range of different musical instruments. We will set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests to find out how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed in a variety of ways.

World Views

We will be exploring the meaning and impact of Pentecost for Christians.

History

Our big question next half term is: What did the Vikings want and how did Alfred stop them getting it? We will learn to distinguish historical facts from myth, folklore and legend in relation to the people commonly referred to today as 'the Vikings.' We will learn about their brilliantly designed longships and will be examining the issue of the horned helmet. We will finish the topic by learning why King Alfred was know as Alfred the Great!

DT/Art

As artists, the children will learn to use a range of materials to make 3D artwork. They will learn to manipulate light to make shadow sculpture and use recycled materials to make 3D artwork.

In DT, the children will be investigating wearable technology. They will be writing a programme that initiates a flashing LED panel on a virtual microbit.

Modern Foreign Languages

In Spanish, Ash Class will learn about daily routine and time. We will learn to talk about daily activities and say at what time we do them.

Music

We will continue to follow the Charanga scheme of music and we will be using keyboards and glockenspiels to explore the question: "How does music make a difference to us everyday?"