



The Ashbeach EYFS/Year 1 Newsletter.

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Wow welcome to the final part of the Summer A term. Although it is a short half-term we have been very busy!

Theme: We have been enjoying our gardening topic looking at seeds, plants and getting the soil beds ready for planting. We are going to start a building theme this half term to get use using all areas of the outside area- 'Can we build it...yes we can!' We are going to set up our role play area 'the creation station' and draw plans for the models we want to build. We are going to be working in teams to build models, practicing our communication skills and negotiating skills. We are also having a summer sort out to refresh the outside area if you think you have any garden type furniture, plants, pots etc you could donate let the office know.

Forest schools: Our Forest school sessions will continue every Monday in the afternoons. If anyone would like to offer their help on any of these afternoons it would be gratefully appreciated. Please let me know!

WOW! moments: Thank you for continuing to celebrate the children's successes at home with sending in photos or emailing the pictures to the office. The children really enjoy sharing them with us, and their friends in class. Please keep this going. Also remember to enjoy the 'get caught' reading' book and add a picture to the book.

Maths:

Our Math's learning is really taking off. We have been doing a lot of counting forwards and backwards and lots of learning about numbers that are one more and one less than a given number. To support your child's number learning please encourage children to be counting, ordering and recognising numbers regularly at home as they are playing, having dinner or when out and about. Numbers around the home and within the environment can be a great way of getting children to regularly see numbers and remember them.

Phonics and reading:



We have started learning more digraphs-2 letters that make 1 sound, this week including, **qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo-oo, ar, or**. The children should be starting to spot these letters that make one sound in words they come across in books but this is a new skill so lots of repetition and fun games such as 'find a word with the 'ai' sound on this page- read it to me' will help the children build their confidence in using digraphs. Please see attached the tricky words we have been learning.

Water bottles:

Just a reminder that the children should be having water in their water bottles not squash to keep in line with our healthy eating policy.

Here is some fun we have had this half term:



From the Penguins team xx