

# What's on this term...

## Ash Class



**Writing & Reading:** After some fabulous creative writing, we'll be looking at non-fiction texts this term. First up is the excellent '*Book of Bones*.' We'll learn about 10 record-breaking animals and then create our own information text about animals. Who will find the most bizarre fact? As we finish reading the wonderful tear-jerker '*Charlotte's Web*,' we'll change theme with Anne Fine's '*Bill's New Frock*,' then return to the importance of friendship with Gill Lewis's '*Sky Hawk*.' This term we will delve deeper into reading comprehension with a particular focus on different types of questions, and how best we tackle them.

**Maths:** Students who started in Ash in November continue working through the year 5 curriculum with perimeter and area, statistics and shape upcoming. Those who joined us later in the year will work to consolidate Year 5 number and continue their work with fractions.

**Computing:** We will continue learning how to code with the wonderful Purple Mash, looking at how flowcharts can help us design programs within our very own environments and characters of our choosing.

**Project Based Learning:** In Science, we're exploring light, fitting perfectly with our Design and Technology unit, where we will design and create our very own torches. We'll also use our new knowledge of electricity to help us with a doodler project in Summer 2. In Art this term, we will dive into abstract art. Projects with light and prisms will help create our own abstract art, as well as learning about the wonderful artist Wassily Kandinsky.

**RE:** our topic is Islam, discovering what Muslims believe and what's important to them.

**PSHE** It's that time of year again... having covered healthy relationships and families, this term we will be focusing on changing and growing. The children will learn scientific terms about their bodies and be introduced to what changes will occur as they reach puberty.

**Forest School:** we will be investigating the school environment with activities including minibeast hunting in our woodland areas or in our newly refurbished pond. We'll be cooking some new recipes either on camping stoves or over the firepit. Den building is progressing as students are enjoying constructing their own spaces!

**Cooking & Nutrition:** we'll be building on our skills by cooking healthy & delicious snacks together in the kitchen.

**Music:** we're thinking about performances for our end of this term talent show and / or developing production skills by composing music for the school disco!

**PE:** Summer means Athletics, so we will be developing our running & jumping skills this term!

