

Ash Class Topic Map – What’s growing in our garden?
Term 1 2018-2019 Teacher: Mr Jones

English In English, we will be using the book Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk as the stimulus for our writing. We will be concentrating on developing our vocabulary and our understanding of grammar by writing descriptions of character and settings. We will be learning about structuring sentences correctly as well as how to identify and use verbs, adjectives and nouns. In phonics we will be looking at how sounds can be written in different ways. In reading, we will be reading other alternative version of some much loved traditional tales: Cinderella in New York, The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig.		Maths In Maths we will be working on our understanding of the size of numbers. We will be partitioning numbers up in to their tens and ones and representing them in a variety of ways, which will lead on to ordering and comparing numbers. We will then move on to adding and subtracting numbers and money and improving our ability to work out word problems. As always there is a whole school focus on developing our children’s reasoning and problem solving skills. Throughout the year, there will be a large focus on times table facts, and children will have a weekly opportunity to gain their multiplication badges.		Science This term our Science topic is ‘Plants’, where we will be looking at what (and how) things grow in our garden. We will be looking at the life cycle of plants and the way a seed grows. This will include thinking about all the things plants need to grow. We will be observing what happens if our seeds do not get all of their key ingredients. The school’s grounds will become the focus for some of our lessons as we explore different ways seeds may be able to travel around. The children will also get their “green fingers” on as they help Mrs Hodds in the Courtney allotment with digging and planting!	
History/ Geography Although our main topic is a science based one, we will still have a few elements of history and geography within it. Our ‘Big Issue’ within geography this year is <i>Recycle, Reuse, Reduce</i> . We will be looking at how and why we recycle materials to help the environment. Towards the end of the term, to mark the centenary anniversary of the ending of World War I, the whole school will look at why and how we still remember them.		Art and Design Technology Art and Design Technology will be taught by Mrs Harbury on a Tuesday afternoon. William Morris is our term’s artist, who the class will base the majority of their art around – they will be encouraged to analyse pieces of his work and try to replicate different elements of it. Ash class will do this by using the outside environment to produce pieces of work which will tie into our topic.		PE As a school we follow the “Real PE” scheme of work which focuses on building up core skills and applying them in games. On Tuesday the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. On Thursday the children will be doing PE with me. If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days, and that they can take out their earrings. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.	
Computing In computing, we will be looking into E-safety: how we can keep ourselves safe whilst online and who we can go to when needed.	Religious Education Our religious question for the term is “What does it mean to belong to a faith community?” We will compare difference and similarities between the different communities that we are a part of.	PHSE From our Jigsaw scheme of work, we will be looking at “Being me in my world”. This unit looks into recognising feelings (especially when faced with something new).		Dates for the diary Monday 10 th September (3:20pm) – Meet the teacher. A chance for me to tell you about our plans for the year: topics, homework, trips and visitors. Our first WOW event will happen in Term 1, keep an eye on the newsletter for dates and times.	