



Ash Class Learning Overview – Autumn 1 2026



Key Texts



Our School Values & RE

Harvest

Why we celebrate Harvest?

In the Moment

These themes may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests to flow through the provision

Our Topic

Me and My Community

This topic supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class.

It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school.

This Topic also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.

Vocabulary

school, community, family, friend, job,
family, friend, special, parent, bother, sister,
grandma, granny, grandpa, grandad, auntie,
uncle, cousin
friend, kind, helpful, listen, share, rules,
instructions, choice,
doctor, nurse, police, fire service, emergency,
community, paramedic, ambulance

Enrichment

Visitors from local emergency services.

Visit to a local farm or supermarket

Making butter

Autumn walk

Harvest – visit to St John's Church

Home Learning

Look at family photographs together and discuss family and extended family.

Look at baby photographs and talk about how they have grown.

Go on a walk around your local area and talk about what happens to trees and plants in the Autumn.

Collect leaves, seeds, nuts and berries to add to an autumn collection.



Prime Areas of Learning



Communication and Language

We will: be developing our vocabulary through listening to and joining in with appropriate group activities. The children will be beginning to follow simple directions and participate in simple motivating games. They will use language to imagine and recreate roles within play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will learn: to see ourselves as valuable individuals and continue to build constructive and respectful relationships.

My Happy Mind – Meet your Brain

The children will learn that the brain is an organ and that it has many functions. They will learn that the brain controls most of what we do.

Physical Development

We will learn: to be handling objects safely and developing our use of scissors. The children will be manipulating dough using hands and tools.

We will develop our fundamental movement skills (running, jumping, throwing and catching)

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

In reading we will learn: to listen to a range of fiction and non-fiction books. The children will describe the characters and events. We will be reciting rhymes and songs such as 'five little speckled frogs' 'one elephant went out to play'

In writing we will learn: to talk about and retell the story *Once There were Giants*, looking at the characters and events. The children will begin to learn the formation of the letters they have learnt. They will attempt to write their own name.

Mathematics

We will learn: all about matching and sorting and compare the amounts using the language more and less. The children will compare size, mass and capacity and explore patterns.

Understanding The World

We will learn: all about how families are unique and different. They will explore their own family, past and present. They will name and describe people who are familiar to them.

They will find out about people in the community who help us.
The children will explore how they have changed since they were a baby.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn: all about family portraits using a variety of artistic effects The children will be talking about and representing their ideas through their own creations.

The children will be joining in with repeated refrains and phrases in rhymes, songs and stories linked to us.