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Ash Class Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome to Rigby Hall School! We loved meeting you all as parents and your wonderful children in the home visits this week. It was really beneficial for us to know how we can best support your child and we are very excited to be working with you all.

Our theme this half term is '**ALL ABOUT ME**'. We will record lots of our learning experiences on Evidence for Learning, which will be set up for you all to access very soon and then you can keep checking Evidence for Learning weekly to see the fun and fantastic things we will be doing. You are welcome to add observations too, and we can share these in class.

In **Literacy**, we will be focussing on developing our communication skills, this could be through facial expressions, gesture, photographs aided language displays or symbols. We will be developing our skills to communicate who someone is, what they are doing and where they are. We will be using the children's special book of photographs from home to help them with this. Thank you for allowing us to take photographs during your home visit.

In **Maths**, we are going to work on counting from 0, then any single digit number before counting backwards. We will then work on recognising numbers and matching quantities to numbers. We will also be learning to understand and use prepositional language such as in, on, next to, above, under etc through play.

As a part of the '**ALL ABOUT ME**' topic we will also be creating some self-portraits in our Expressive Arts and Design lessons, exploring and naming body parts in Understanding the World, developing ball skills such as rolling, throwing and catching in Physical Education. A huge focus on this half term will be based around Personal, Social and Emotional Development where we will be focusing upon building relationships with staff and peers in our class, developing independence in accessing activities, making choices and learning to transition to the different areas around school.



Ash Class Reminders-

We will have **PE on Fridays** so please send your child's PE kit on Friday for them to change into. Getting changed for PE is an important part of the children's development. Please encourage your child to start to change independently at home whenever possible. Please ensure your child has their kit and trainers/pumps in school by the 13th September.

We will send kit home at the end of each half term to wash.

We also have **Forest School on Mondays (Muddy Monday)** where we will explore forest school and engage in forest activities. Please can your child come to school dressed in jogging bottoms and a long-sleeved top? Wellies and waterproofs would be helpful on wet days too. We will keep these in school unless you let us know that you need them at home. Please send their school uniform into school in a bag we can support your child in changing back into it.

We **read** with the children in the mornings, check their progress towards their targets and change the children's books. We would appreciate it if the reading books are kept in the children's bags everyday so we can take advantage of any additional reading time when possible.

Every **Friday**, the children are welcome to wear their own clothes as a part of '**Dress Down Day**'. They can wear jeans, joggers, leggings, t-shirts or trainers, anything that they feel comfortable in to learn and safe continue to explore their environment.

Please send in **fresh water bottles** into school daily so we can help the children to stay hydrated. If you would like to send in a bottle of squash in addition to this, we are happy to refill water bottles when needed.

We are looking forward to a fun half term, full of learning and excitement.

Please contact us, via the office office@rigbyhall.worcs.sch.uk, if you have any questions or queries and they will forward your email to us.

Many thanks,
Clair, Zoe, Kelly and Tia