



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Welcome to Term 5

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely break. Our curriculum overview is available on our year page. This term, we will be exploring the topic, 'I Wonder Why...'. We look forward to hearing all the children's 'I Wonder Why...' questions and to investigate together to answer them. We will also be looking at maps and our planet.

If you, or anyone that you know, has any skills linked to what we will be learning about this term, and you would be willing and able to come in and share them with the children, please let your child's class teacher know as this can be a very enriching experience for the children and they absolutely love having visitors.

We will be available on the door at the end of the school day and can be contacted by email. Our contact details are below and can also be found on the school website, so please do get in contact if you need to at any point.

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Year

Term 5
Newsletter



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Dates for your diary and special events:

Start of Term: Monday 15th April

Thursday 2nd May – Scooter Skills workshop

MONDAY 6th May Bank Holiday - school closed

Butterfly and Bumblebee Park Trip – 22nd May

Ladybird and Caterpillar Park Trip – 23rd May

END of Term: Friday 24th May

Phonics

This term we will begin to learn our phase 4 phonics skills. This will involve continuing to read longer words, words including digraphs and trigraphs, words with consonant clusters and lots of new tricky words (said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do, were, here, little, says, there, when, what, one, out and today). Please continue to support your children with reading at home by reading with them and noticing print and words when out of school.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> gives some helpful tips if you would like it.

Maths

This term, we will be exploring composition of number by making connections and developing skills in their mathematical thinking. In subitising, we will be exploring how 10 can be composed of two numbers. In comparing numbers, the children will be reasoning about numbers and thinking carefully which is more and less.

Wild Place

In term 6, the Reception children will be visiting Wild Place on either 11th or 12th July. The trip (including entrance and coach travel) will have a voluntary contribution. More information to follow soon.



Weather

Given the weather is (hopefully) going to be hotter, please send your child in with a named sun hat/sun cream/water bottle/raincoat, as appropriate. Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school.

Everywhere bear

This term we will be reading the story 'Everywhere Bear'. The children will then take turns to take a class bear and diary home with them for 1-3 days. In the diary, we will ask the children to add either pictures, photos or a sentence to share with their friends about what they did with the class bear at home. **As the children will have the opportunity to share their time with the bear in front of the class, there will be no Show and Tell this term.**

Park trip

There will be another Park Trip this term. Butterflies and Bumblebees will be going on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd May and Ladybirds and Caterpillars on Thursday 23rd May. This trip we will be mapping our route around the park and adding in important details to our maps. We will be looking at different types of maps in class to prepare for this. If you would like to help on our trip there will be a letter with details in week 1. Also, if you have any maps we could look at that would be great too.

Reception Scooter Skills Work Shops

We are excited to be able to offer all the children in Reception the opportunity to participate in a Scooter Skills session led by members of the Bristol Active Travel Team on Thursday 2nd May.

Each Scooter Skills session is for half a class (max 16 children) and will last 30 minutes. Each pupil should ideally have a scooter in good working order and a helmet that they bring in from home. Please let us know if your child needs to borrow a scooter or if you are happy for another child to borrow your child's scooter.

During the sessions, pupils will warm up by playing a number of group games and will then get the chance to tackle an obstacle course on their scooter. This short session is designed to get pupils thinking about their steering, balance and spatial awareness on their scooter, in a group environment. They will also learn how to check their scooters, locate and use the brake and to identify and respond to hazards.

Supporting your child's learning at home

This term your child will continue to come home with 3 books: an eBook, a decodable school book and a 'reading together for pleasure' book from the library. Please continue to listen to your child read and enjoy sharing books together. Please remember to record any reading your child does of their eBook or decodable book in their reading diary.

Please ensure your child's books are in school every day.

PE

This term, PE will be: **Athletics & Football**

Week 1

Butterflies – Tuesday
Bumblebees – Tuesday
Caterpillars – Tuesday
Ladybirds – Tuesday

Week 2

Butterflies – Thursday
Bumblebees – Tuesday
Caterpillars – Tuesday
Ladybirds – Tuesday

The first week of the term is Week 1

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit on PE days.

