



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Welcome to Term 2

Welcome back to all the Reception children and families, we hope you had a great half term. We have been impressed by how well all the children settled into school last term and we can't wait to continue their Reception journey with them. This term our topic will be '**Traditional Tales**' and we will look at a range of Traditional Tales, starting with Goldilocks and the Three Bears and moving on to The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We are very excited to begin practising our nativity, please see dates below for further details.

Please visit the Reception web page to find copies of all communication sent home, information and dates and of course, photos of us enjoying our learning. You will also find photos on Tapestry – please talk to one of us if you need help accessing this.

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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Reception

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Dates for your diary and special events:

Mon 4th November- INSET Day – school closed. First day of Term is Tues 5th Nov

Tues 19th & Thurs 21st – Ashton Parents' Eve

Weds 26th November – Park Trip

Tuesday 10th December – Caterpillar Nativity

Wednesday 11th December – Butterfly Nativity

Thursday 12th December – Bumblebee Nativity

Tues 17th Dec – Ashton Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th Dec – last day of term

Phonics

This term in phonics, the children will learn lot of new phonemes and graphemes (including ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng and nk). They will also learn the tricky words: put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me and be. They will continue to orally blend and segment and to read and write words using the sounds they have learnt. We're so proud of how engaged they have been and with the progress they have made so far.

Maths

This term we will continue to explore subitising, counting, cardinality and composition for numbers up to 4. We will be counting beyond 5. The children will represent numbers in different ways, including using their fingers. The children will become more automatic and fluent in this number knowledge, which will build a really strong foundation for their future learning in maths and their enjoyment of it.



Nativity

We are so excited to be able to invite you into school to watch your children in their Nativity performance, 'A Wriggly Nativity'. This term we will be learning all the songs to accompany the script, and choosing parts to play.

Closer to the time, we will be asking for your support with costumes. Please send them into school clearly named and in a labelled bag. Here are the **December** dates, all performances are at **2.30pm**.

Butterfly Class – Wednesday 11th December

Bumblebee Class – Thursday 12th December

Caterpillar Class – Tuesday 10th December

Park Trip

We are looking forward to taking the children on their first school trip to Greville Smyth Park on Wednesday 26th November in the morning. The focus will be on collecting natural objects and making artwork back in school, inspired by the artist James Brunt. We will also be talking about changes in the seasons and weather patterns. Please let the school office know if you are able to come and help.

Just a few reminders...

- Please could your child come to school everyday with their book bag and reading folder with reading diary and school book.
- Label all clothing and make sure it's weather appropriate, eg coats.
- If you haven't already donated towards crackers please bring £15 to cover the year or £2.50 per term.

PE

This term, PE will be: **Fundamental Skills**
Caterpillars & Bumblebees:

Tuesday

Butterflies:

W/C 4th November – Tuesday

W/C 11th November – Thursday

W/C 18th November – Tuesday

W/C 25th November – Thursday

W/C 2nd December – Tuesday

W/C 9th December – Thursday

W/C 16th December – Tuesday

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit on PE days they will remain wearing it all day.



We will be updating our webpage regularly with photographs of what we have been doing, so do check in when you can. We look forward to sharing a great Term 2 in Reception!