



# Ashton Gate Primary School

'An inspiring learning community'

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## Welcome to Term 3

We hope you have all had a super Christmas break and enjoyed safe and happy celebrations with your families. The Year 1 team would like to thank you so much for your Christmas and New Year's best wishes and gifts. We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of exciting learning.

Our curriculum overview is available on our year page, and you can find details of what we will be learning about in each subject below.

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 also welcome reading volunteers in to read with the children, please let us know if you can help with this. This can be on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

Please visit our year group web page to find copies of all communication sent home, photos of our learning, key information and dates.

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.

Mr David Brand - [dbrand@ashtongateprimary.org](mailto:dbrand@ashtongateprimary.org) – Apple Class

Miss Olivia Wiles – [owiles@ashtongateprimary.org](mailto:owiles@ashtongateprimary.org) – Beech Class

Miss Phoebe Hillyard - [phillyard@ashtongateprimary.org](mailto:phillyard@ashtongateprimary.org) Cherry Class

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Year 1

Term 3  
Newsletter



Rising

High

Together

### Dates for your diary and special events:

International Week WB  
13/01/25

Inset Day 24/01/25

Children's Mental Health  
week WB 3/02/25

We The Curious Trip:

Apple & Beech: 4/02/25

Cherry & Elm: 5/02/25

Shoobox Car Building  
workshop WB 10/02/25

Safer Internet Day 11/02/25

## English

The children will be enjoying a range of texts and learning facts about Brunel. Firstly, our English learning will be based around Brunel which links nicely with History this term.

Additionally, the children will be reading 'Katie and the Starry Night' and engaging in a multimedia video called 'The History of Lego'.

The focus will still be to continue on building sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



**PSHE** Lessons will examine and explore the idea of home - what makes a home to different people and animals, alongside celebrating the diversity found across each of our homes. This term, we will also spend time exploring mental health in Children's Mental Health Week.

## Maths

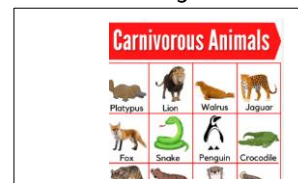
Our Maths learning will be continuing the unit of place value (to 20) and Addition and Subtraction to 20. The children will be continuing to develop their use of number lines and other mathematical resources to help them solve a wide of range of questions.

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## Science

The main theme of our science lessons this term is Animals including Humans. The children will be learning about common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, as well as identifying and naming a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



## Design & Technology

The children will be involved in making cars using shoe boxes. They will have the opportunity to design, make and evaluate their cars. Children will also be involved in testing their cars out in class races. Please can you bring a good size shoe box ready for the WB of week 5. Parents, we would like to invite you to join us for a fun morning in creating these cars. If you would like to volunteer to support your child's class, please email your teacher to let them know you are available to join in the fun from 9.15am onwards.

## History

**Local Study:** who is Brunel and what was his impact on Bristol? We will begin by asking the questions 'Who was Brunel, why is he famous and how is he connected to Bristol?'. We will discuss his achievements and the impact of his designs locally, nationally and internationally.



## Music

### WATER:

We will listen to, create, perform and review water – themed music, using our voices expressively to sing rhymes.

## Supporting your child's learning at home

Please use these links to help your children with their learning:

Maths: <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths> and [Numbots](#)

Phonics: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>

English: <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Please continue to read with your child and ensure your child brings in their reading diary every day.

## Religion & Worldviews

Why are some stories special? The children will explore different books that are special to them and their family. We will go on to think about why some books and stories are special to people from different cultures and religions, for example Christianity and Islam.

## Computing

The children will learn about the importance of online safety. How to use it safely and understand where to go for help regarding certain content.

## PE

This term, PE will be: **Basketball and Dance**

Apple - Thursday  
Beech - Monday  
Cherry - Friday  
Elm – Wednesday



Please ensure that your child either comes in their PE kit or brings it in to get changed into on their PE days. Also, please ensure you pack weather appropriate kit.

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 third term.