



# Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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## Welcome to Term 4

We hope you have had a lovely break and are all refreshed ready for a brand new term. We are looking forward to Term 4 as we have a lot of exciting things for the children to look forward to. This term our topic will be 'Heroes' and we will be introducing the children to everyday heroes, heroes of the past, heroes in different walks of life and 'superheroes'. We are looking forward to hearing all about your children's heroes and will be taking part in activities together to explore these.

We will be available on the doors at the beginning and 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 along with details about this term's learning, so please do get in contact if you need to at any point.

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### Dates for your diary and special events:

Monday 24th February- First day of Term 4

Friday 28th February - Ramadan Begins

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th March - Book Fair

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th March- Parents' Evenings- Ashton

Friday 14th March - First Forest school for Bumblebees AM and Caterpillars PM

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day

Week beginning March 10th-Science week

Friday 4th April - Last Day of Term 4

### Phonics

This term in phonics the children will be reviewing the graphemes: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, oo, ow, oi, er, air and ear. We will be reviewing words with double letters, words ending in -ing -es -s and longer words. They will continue to develop their skills in blending and segmenting to read and write words.

#### **Reading Volunteers**

Parents coming into school to read with children really impacts their progress. We would love to welcome you in. Please see the office if you can help with this.

### Maths

This term we will continue to explore subitising, counting, cardinality and composition for numbers beyond 5. 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.

### Family DIY Day

After the success of our family gardening day we would like to invite you back to help us freshen up our outdoor area some more. This time we will be focusing on painting, so come prepared to get messy! This will take place on Saturday 29th March in the morning. More details to follow nearer the time.



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### What to bring to school

The weather is finally starting to warm up! But please continue to bring in a coat every day and wellies that can stay in school. For very rainy days, we have some waterproof suits that the children can use, although if you would like to provide your own, you can. Please ensure your child's book bag comes to school every day and books are returned on a Thursday. It is also great if your child has a spare pair of clothes that they are able to keep at school, this ensures that if they have an accident or get wet in the weather that we are able to change them into dry clothes.

### Supporting your child's learning at home

Your child will continue to come home with 3 books:

- An ebook that mirrors the book they have been reading in reading squads that week – they should be able to read this mainly independently and the emphasis will be on comprehension.
- A decodable reading book, matched to the sounds they know with which the focus will be on decoding.
- A 'reading together for pleasure' book to share with you.

### Forest school for Bumblebees AM and Caterpillars PM

#### Forest school dates:

Friday 14th March  
Friday 21st March  
Friday 28th March  
Friday 4th April

Please dress accordingly for the weather of the day, Forest school will be going ahead whatever the weather so, keep this in mind when dressing your child.

School lunches will be provided for Bumblebees on these days, but if you do wish to bring in your own packed lunch, that is also ok. Caterpillars will be having an early lunch before leaving for the forest.

#### Show and Tell

We are continuing with Show and Tell this term. This will take place on a Friday afternoon. Your child is very welcome to bring in something of significance to them to talk about in front of their friends – for example: a photograph of important people or moments, a ticket from a journey, a leaflet from a day out, or items that are important to them. We will store this safely in class for them until home time.

#### PE

**This term, PE will be:** Ball Games and Dance  
**Caterpillars and Bumblebees - Tuesday**

#### **Butterflies -**

W/C 24th February - Thursday  
W/C 3rd March - Tuesday  
W/C 10th March - Thursday  
W/C 17th March - Tuesday  
W/C 24th March - Thursday  
W/C 31st March - Tuesday

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



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 4 in Reception.