

# Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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## Welcome to Term 1

We are very excited to be welcoming back our new Year 5 pupils. We hope they settle into their new classes and enjoy getting to know their new teachers.

We have lots of exciting and engaging topics that the children will love. 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.

Please visit our year group web page to find copies of all communication sent home, weekly homework, spellings, key information and dates and of course, photos of us enjoying our learning.

We will be available on the playground 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 5

Term 1  
Newsletter



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### Dates for your diary and special events:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 –  
INSET Day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
2025 – INSET Day

**Children start back on  
Thursday 4th September 2025**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 –  
INSET day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 –  
STEM challenge

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – World  
Mental Health day

### English

In our English lessons we will be reading a book called The Promise. This is a beautiful picture book about planting trees, caring for our local environment and celebrating nature within our cities.

The children are welcome to collect some acorns to bring into class. Towards the end of the term, we will also be doing some non-fiction writing linked to our space unit in science and our history enquiry.



### Maths

We will start our Maths this year by doing place value and learning the value of numbers up to 1 million. This will support us with many of our Maths topics this year, especially as we move onto trickier addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.

Alongside this, please continue to practise Times tables as home using TT Rockstars.

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## PSHE

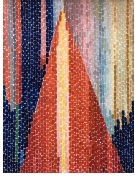
In PSHE this term, we will be learning about Identity.

## Science



This term we will be looking at what properties materials have and how we can use them. We will be carrying out lots of experiments to see how materials can be separated and finding out which changes are reversible.

## Art



This term we will be looking at Alma Thomas, an artist who was inspired by space and America's race to get into space. We will be exploring different media and creating our own abstract art inspired by the work that she has produced.

## Music

Every week, musicians from Bristol Beacon will be coming in to start our Rockband sessions. The children will be learning a range of games to build on their understanding of the interrelated dimensions of music and have the opportunity to learn the guitar, keyboard, drums and sing.

## History

This term, we will be exploring some local Bristol history by looking at how the chocolate industry has changed and shaped Bristol. We will learn about how Fry's Chocolate factory started and expanded in Bristol during the industrial revolution. We will explore what it was like to work in Frys and look at how they advertised their products.



## Supporting your child's learning at home

In term one we would like children to focus on reading at home regularly and recording this in their reading records. We recommend aiming to read at home at least three times a week. The class teacher will check reading records and stamp them on a weekly basis. Children can also learn the ten spellings which are published on the website. These will change over a two-week period and will begin in week 3. We would also like children to carry on using times table rockstars to maintain fluency with their times tables.

## French

This term we will be looking at the French calendar. We will be learning about the days, weeks and months of the year.

## Religion and Worldview

This term we will be investigating the importance of religious freedoms and considering some of the challenges faced by religious figures.

## PE

This term, PE will be:  
5MH – Monday and Thursday  
5B- Wednesday  
5C- Wednesday  
5N – Double sessions on alternate Weeks: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

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 1 in year 5!