



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. We are very excited to begin practising our nativity, please see dates below for further details.

Please visit our year group web page for key information, dates and photos of the children.

We will be available on the door 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, so please do get in contact if you need to at any point.

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Dates for your diary and special events:

Mon 3rd November- INSET Day – school closed. First day of Term is Tues 4th^h Nov

Friday 7th November - Ashton Flu Vaccine

Tues 11th & Thurs 13th November – Ashton Parents' Eve

Friday 5th December - Ladybird Nativity

Monday 8th December – Caterpillar Nativity

Wednesday 10th December – Dragonfly Nativity

Thursday 11th December – Bumblebee Nativity

Sunday 7th December – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 16th – Ashton Christmas Lunch

Fri 19th 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.



Things to bring:

We aim to take the children outside in all weathers. As an option you can bring in wellies and a puddlesuit which can be kept at school.

Snack

Children are given free fruit every day and milk until the term they turn 5 (after this you will get a letter from the dairy and you have the option to pay for milk). We also offer the children a savoury cracker to keep them going during the day and ask for a voluntary contribution for this of £18 for the year, or feel free to split this into smaller instalments each term if you wish. This can be given to your child's teacher (in cash please, we can't accept cheques).

Nativity

We are so excited to be able to invite you into school to watch your children in their Nativity performance, 'A Wiggly 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**.

Ladybird Class – Friday 5th December

Caterpillar Class – Monday 8th December

Dragonfly Class – Wednesday 10th December

Bumblebee Class – Thursday 11th December

Park Trip

We are looking forward to taking the children on their first school trip to Greville Smyth Park on Wednesday 26th November. Ladybirds and Bumblebees will be going in the morning and Caterpillars and Dragonflies will be going in the afternoon. 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.

PE

This term, PE will be: Fundamental movements

Caterpillars – Tuesday

Bumblebees – Tuesday

Ladybirds – Tuesday

Dragonflies:

W/C 6th Nov - Thursday

W/C 11th Nov - Tuesday

W/C 20th Nov - Thursday

W/C 25th Nov - Tuesday

W/C 3rd Dec - Wednesday

W/C 10th Dec - Wednesday

W/C 18th Dec - Thursday

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