



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Welcome to Term 3

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to take on the challenges and opportunities of this exciting new term. We are looking forward to a busy few weeks filled with learning, creativity, and fun!

Our curriculum overview is available on our year group web 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 are also in need of reading volunteers to read with the children, either on a regular or ad hoc basis so please let us know if you can help with this.

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

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.

Beech Class Ms Zita Balla zballa@ashtongateprimary.org

Cherry Class Miss Phoebe Hillyard phillyard@ashtongateprimary.org

Elm Class Miss Sidra Kahn skahn@ashtongateprimary.org

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Dates for your diary and special events:

Monday 5th January – INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First Day in School

Friday 2nd February -INSET Day

Friday 13th February – last day of term

English

In Phonics, we will be continuing with our phonics programme 'Little Wandle', building on the reading skills learnt in Term 1 and Term 2. We will regularly visit the library and share a wide variety of books to encourage a love of reading.

In English, we will be developing writing skills through enjoying a range of texts including 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' and 'Mary Anning' and 'Katie and the starry night'.

Maths

In Math, we will continue the term with developing a deep understanding of numbers to 20. Children will learn to solve mathematical problems and represent numbers in a variety of ways through practical activities, both inside and outside, as well as using stories, pictures and songs.



Science

Children will be continuing to use their new skills such as observing, comparing and classifying, which will be applied through the various topics each term.

This term, the children will be learning about what types of animals are there and their similarities and differences.

In the second half of the term the children will be introduced to materials and their properties.



PSHE

We will explore our homes and our feelings about them. Then we will be learning about medicine and feelings.

Religion and Worldviews

We will be discussing the meaning of stewardship. Then we will explore stories about Muhammad and also why some people believe it is important to care for the world by exploring ahimsa.

DT

We are going to explore the function of wheels and design a vehicle that we will race in a wacky race.

Art

This term we will look at a wide range of art and design techniques including painting.

Music

The children will be engaging in singing. This term, the children will be exploring the inter related dimension of music. They will also be exploring sounds of the sea and the correlation between pitch and notation.

Geography

This term, the children will be learning about the Equator and exploring where is hot and cold on Earth.

History

In term 3, the children will be learning about Mary Anning and what she is famous for and what did she discover and how.

Supporting your child's learning at home

Please continue to read regularly at home with your child. It is really important to read the books more than once to ensure that your child has a thorough understanding of what they are reading and can really enjoy the story by reading it fluently. Reading other books alongside those that come home from school is also fantastic practice and is vital to developing a real love of reading. Please enjoy sharing the library books that your child will bring home. You will also be given log in details to access brilliant online resources to support your child. We use Collins Online for ebooks.

If you would like any support in helping your child at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Computing

We begin our computing topic learning about Photo stories.



PE

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

Cherry- Fridays
Elm – Wednesdays
Beech - Wednesdays

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 3 in Year 1!