



# Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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## Welcome to Term 5

Welcome back to another busy term in Year 2! We hope that you all had a wonderful break over the holidays and are ready for another exciting term. We hope that you find this newsletter a useful guide to the activities and learning opportunities that will take place during next few weeks.

Our curriculum overview is available on our website year page, where you can find details of what we will be learning about in each subjects below. If you have any skills linked to our learning this term, and are willing to come in to share with the children, please let your child's class teacher know.

We will be available on the playground at the end of the school day and can be contacted by email. Please do not hesitate to email or speak to us.

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### Dates for your diary and special events:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Sycamore and Maple Local walk

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Rowan and Oak Local walk

Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April – DT sewing mornings

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last day of term

### English

The children will be implementing the myriad of techniques they have been learning thus far throughout the academic year. We will be working on improving our sentences through the use of adverbs, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. These writing skills will start to become concrete in their learning and the texts we explore this term will be utilised as stimuli to implement this. We will be using the books Sea monster as well as a David Attenborough text to captivate the children's imagination to inspire some brilliant writing. We will also continue with the daily explicit teaching of reading skills in order to continue to improve their comprehension and fluency as readers.

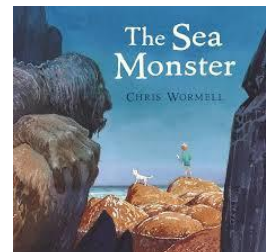
### Maths

This term in Maths, Year 2 will be looking at length and height during the first week back. We then learn about mass and capacity for two weeks and finish the term by looking at time. Any conversations you can be having at home about telling the time would be extremely useful leading up to these topics.

We will be helping the children to develop their understanding through using concrete resources and pictorials due to the abstract nature of the topics.

### RHE

This term in PSHE, the children will be learning about fairness and understanding how to treat others kindly and equally. They will also explore global warming and how we can help look after our planet.



## Science

This term in science, we will be continuing with our Plants topic. The children have been learning how to ask questions, observe, investigate, gather data and perform simple tests to find out answers, and will be continuing to practice this throughout this term. After completing our Plants topic, we will be revisiting key topics taught earlier this year, including Materials and Animals, to help strengthen the children's understanding. This will give the children opportunities to practise important skills and build their confidence across the curriculum.



## Art

In Art this term, we will be learning about two different artists, Andy Scott and Andy Goldsworthy. The children will explore and compare their work, looking at the materials and styles they use. They will also use a range of different materials to create their own artwork inspired by each artist's style. This will help the children develop their observation and discussion skills in art.

## Music

During Music lessons this term we will be looking at pitch and the difference between high and low notes. The children will be using their singing voices in order to explore this and how we use pitch to create melodies in music.

## History

This term in History, we will be learning about flight and the history of travel. The children will explore how transport has changed over time and why these changes were important. They will also learn about the Wright brothers and the beginning of aviation. We are excited to bring this topic to life through engaging activities and discussions.

## Computing

In computing this term looking at algorithms and using the story of the Three Little Pigs.

## Geography

This term the children will be continuing to look at map skills and field work to continue their journey as budding geographers. We will be looking at our local area to support this as well as exploring key land features and how we use maps.

## DT

This term we will be looking at sewing, aiming to make pouches using running stitches.

## PE

This term, PE will be athletics and cricket. Please ensure your child comes in in their PE kit on their PE day.

PE days: *(These are subject to change due to timetabling)*

**Oak** – Thursday

**Maple** – Monday

**Sycamore** – Wednesday

**Rowan** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May



## Supporting your child's learning at home

Your child will have access to a reading book, an online reading text and a 'reading for pleasure' book, which they will choose themselves from the school library. We encourage you to read with your child as often as possible and record in their diary when you read together at home. Please continue to ask them questions about the text to improve their comprehension skills.

You will also have access to NumBots and PurpleMash, which will allow for your child to develop their learning at home. The log in details for both of these can be found inside their reading diary. This term we will continue to send out the weekly spelling words for students to practice. These spellings will support classroom learning and help build confidence with reading and writing.

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 in year 2!