



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Welcome to Term 1

Welcome to Year 2! We hope that you all had a fantastic summer and are refreshed and ready for the excitement of the upcoming year. We hope that you find this newsletter a useful guide to the activities and learning opportunities that will take place during the first term.

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, 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 2

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Newsletter



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Dates for your diary and special events:

Monday 2ND Sept – INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd Sept – first day for children

Friday 11th Oct – individual photos (Ashton)

16th and 17th Oct – Y2 Art exhibition

Wednesday 23rd October – flu jabs (Ashton and Upton)

Friday 25th October – last day of term

Please note – Monday 4th November is an INSET day

PSHE

We will be recapping on the 'Zones of Regulation'. Our first topic of the year focuses on Happiness. There will be many opportunities for discussion and group work.

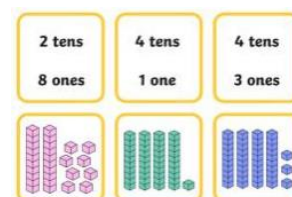
English

Our English learning this year will start by recounting our summer holidays, using materials collected during the summer break. We will then dive into our first text of the year; "Beegu" by Alex Deacon. The children will explore different writing styles such as character descriptions, thought bubbles and statements. We will follow this with some poetry focusing on Animals and Autumn. We will finish the term with factual writing about Seahorses, where the children will get the opportunity to research, gather and record facts and display them in a leaflet.



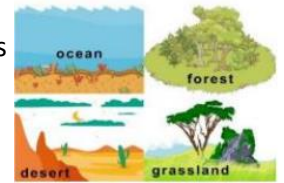
Maths

During the first week, children will be introduced to the 'habits of a marvellous mathematician' where they will put these into practise through investigations. This will be followed by exploring Number and Place Value; revisiting and building on the learning from Year 1. After this, we will be starting our unit of Addition and Subtraction, where the children will recap and develop different strategies for solving problems and build their confidence and fluency with recalling number facts.



Science

Our Science investigation in Term 1 will be about living things and their habitats. The children will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and will learn to describe their features and what those habitats provide in order for living things to survive. They will also be classifying things into whether they are living, dead or never been alive. They will also participate in a mini-beast hunt during our microhabitat sessions. We will then move on to looking at food chains including both living and non-living things.



Art



We will begin our Art work this year by looking at the work of Paul Klee. This is always a popular topic with the children. We will start with some art appreciation and placing Klee in a historical context. We will then look at colour and shape in his work before giving the children the opportunity to create their own piece of Klee inspired art. We will then be comparing the work of Paul Klee to that of Sonia Delaunay.

Music

Our first term of music will consist of using rhythm cards and the book 'Handa's surprise' to recreate rhythms using our bodies.



History

There are lots of exciting History topics in Year 2 that look at significant people and events. We will begin the year by investigating the work of Jane Goodall. The children will be researching facts about her, concluding reasons why she is worth celebrating and discussing the impact she has made. We will also look briefly at the work of Charles Darwin and how the works of both of these important individuals are linked.



Supporting your child's learning at home

Please read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be sent home each week with a reading book and a 'reading for pleasure' book, which they will choose themselves from the school library. Your child's teacher will also update Collins e-books weekly with the book they have read during reading squads. These can be read to develop their fluency and prosody.

You will also have access to NumBots, PurpleMash and SpellingShed which will allow for your child to develop their learning at home. They will be sent home with their log in details for both of these inside their new reading diary.

Computing

In ICT the children will be developing their knowledge of algorithms and will have the opportunity to create their own. They will become more familiar with using iPads.



PE

This term, PE will be focusing on Team Building and Fundamental skills.

WEEK 1

Monday – Maple
Wednesday – Sycamore
Thursday – Oak
Friday - Rowan

WEEK 2

Wednesday – Maple and Sycamore
Thursday – Oak
Friday - Rowan

The first week back will be WEEK 1

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

