



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Welcome to Term 1

It has been lovely meeting lots of the children on our visits and we are so excited for them to start their journey at Ashton Gate. 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.

This term we will be exploring the topic 'Ourselves'. The children will be given opportunities to share news about themselves and learn about others in their class. We will be helping the children to become familiar with the school environment and support them to build relationships with all staff and children.

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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Reception

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Dates for your diary and special events:

Monday 2ND Sept – INSET Day
W/C 9th Sept – Half Days
W/C 16th Sept – Full Days (Mon, Tues & Fri/ Weds, Thurs & Fri)
Friday 11th Oct – Individual Photos (Ashton)
Friday 18th Oct – Kitchen Disco
Dress Up
Wednesday 23rd October – Flu Jabs (Ashton and Upton)
Friday 25th October – Last day of term

Please note – Monday 4th November is an INSET day

Phonics

In phonics this term, we will begin teaching the children single letter sounds and the skills they will need for reading simple CVC words.

In the first week, your child will be sent home with their reading wallet, reading diary and a reading for pleasure book; this will be a story book that they are borrowing from the library for you to share with them at home (this is not your child's school reading book).

Following this, in week 2, the children will come home with their first official school reading book. This will be a wordless book and more information on how to use this book will be put in the weekly school newsletter at a closer date.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be exploring: subitising, counting and ordering numbers, how numbers are made, comparing numbers and exploring pattern. We will explore these areas both indoors and outdoors. We will be introducing the children to our Ashton Gate maths habits.



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.

All about me box

In week 5, the children will start to take turns to bring home the all about me box. This will be an empty shoebox for the children to fill with things that are special to them, which they will then share with the class.

Inside the lid of the box, there will be information on what sorts of things the children can put inside.

Kitchen Disco

In week 7, we will be looking at the book 'Kitchen Disco' as part of learning about pattern in Maths. On Friday 18th October, we will be having a kitchen disco at school during the school day where we will invite the children to come to school dressed in the colour of their favourite fruit. We will be making fruit headbands at school for the children to wear.

Information

- Once your child has started school you will be given a letter explaining how you can create an account for your child on Parentpay. It is very important that you do this as soon as possible so that you are able to order lunches, receive letters and communication from school and pay for any trips.
- Just a reminder that once the children are in for full days, although the start time for Reception is 8.50, the doors to the classroom open at 8.40 and you are able to drop your child to school in this 10 minute slot. This gives your child's teacher time to individually welcome your child and ensures that all children are in ready to learn. You can also pass on any information you need to at this time to the teacher.

A chance to see your child's classroom!

Early on this term, there will be a chance to see inside your child's classroom. During this session, your child's teacher will give a short presentation about the curriculum in Reception and you will have a chance to ask them questions. The presentation will explore teaching and learning in all the areas of the EYFS curriculum. There will be more information about the timing of this very soon.

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 £2.50 for each small term or £15 for the year. This can be given to your child's teacher (in cash please, we can't accept cheques).

PE

We will begin PE in W/C 23rd September when the children have settled into school.

This term, PE will be: Fundamental movements

Caterpillars and Bumblebees - Tuesday

Butterflies:

W/C 23rd September – Thursday

W/C 30th September – Tuesday

W/C 7th October – Thursday

W/C 14th October – Tuesday

W/C 21st October – Thursday

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

