



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.

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:

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th
September - Inset Days

W/C 7th Sept - Half Days

W/C 14th Sept - Full Days
(Mon, Tues & Fri/ Weds, Thurs & Fri)

W/C 21st Sept - Full time for all children

Friday 9th Oct - Individual Photos (Ashton)

Friday 23rd October - Last day of term

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 couple of weeks 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 Term 1, 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: spatial reasoning, constructing with 3D shapes, shape puzzles, prepositions and subitising 1-3.

We will explore these areas both indoors and outdoors. We will be introducing the children to our Ashton Gate maths habits.



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Things to bring:

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

All about me box

Throughout Term 1 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.

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, the doors to the classroom open at 8.40am. 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.

Meet & Greet

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. This meeting will take place **Wednesday 4th November**. 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 (please see the office when your child turns 5 and you would like to continue with 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).

PE

We will begin PE in **W/C 28th September** when the children have settled into school.

This term, PE will be: Fundamental movements

PE will always be a Tuesday for all three classes unless you hear different from your teacher.

Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on a PE day and will remain in it all day.

Please ensure that your child is prepared for school:

- **Everything needs to be labelled with your child's full name**
- **A named water bottle is brought to school every day**
- **Please provide your child with spare clothes (just in case)**

