



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Welcome to Term 1

We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for a new year at Ashton Gate! We are looking forward to welcoming year 6 back and getting to know them. We have exciting learning and events planned for the academic year and are looking forward to sharing what we do in school for your child's final year with you all. We would like to introduce ourselves; we are Rachael Herbert, Carolyn Busby, Kelly Cooper (née Mather), Rebecca Kenyon, Rosie Franklin and Jade Hasbrouck. If you have any queries at all during the school year, please do make your child's class teacher your first point of call. We will be available outside the front of Upton Road 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 get contact if you need to at any point.

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.

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Year 6

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Dates for your diary and special events:

Thursday 3rd Sept - INSET Day

Friday 4th Sept – INSET DAY

Monday 7th Sept - first day for children

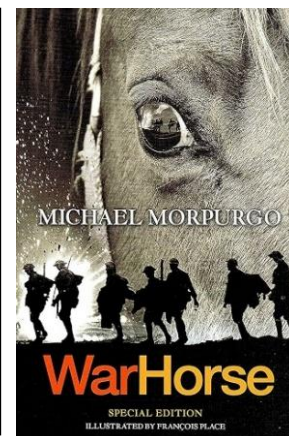
Tuesday 6th Oct – Individual photos (sibling photos available in the Upton Hall before school)

Tuesday 20th Oct – Papaya Workshop – Me and My Self Esteem: How to grow your confidence in the digital age.

Friday 23rd October – last day of term

English

In English, we will be linking all our work with the fantastic book 'War Horse'. We will be writing a diary entry as a character, creating a speech as a returning soldier and exploring the role of animals in WW1 by creating non-fiction reports. We will also be exploring the poetic form of a pantoum and creating our own poems.



Maths

This term in maths, we are looking at place value and negative numbers and moving on to formal written methods. Throughout the term we will be exercising our reasoning and problem-solving skills individually and through discussion wherever possible.

DT

Electrical systems: Steady Hand Game. Developing knowledge of electrical circuits by designing and creating a steady hand game with an operational buzzer system.



PSHE

We will be discussing ways to look after our health and wellbeing, as well as exploring the meaning of happiness. We will also be learning about British Values and how we are a democratic society.

Science

In science, we will be exploring electricity, looking at what electricity and static electricity are. We will investigate the components of electrical circuits, and the effects of changing the components of an electrical circuit.



Art

We are going to be exploring the cubist movement in art, as well as creating some of our own cubist art. It links with our History topic of WW1 as we explore some of the cubist artists who created work as a result of their experiences in the trenches.

Music

Sing, play, perform: accompanying songs with polyrhythms.

This unit explores different rhythm patterns from around the world. Through body percussion pupils play contrasting styles of rhythms and transfer these onto untuned percussion. They play one rhythm against another, building up layers of sound whilst maintaining a secure sense of pulse.

History

Our topic in History is WW1 and the impact of the war on our local area. Within this topic, we explore what led to the outbreak of war, how soldiers were recruited and life in the trenches, as well as how WW1 changed the lives of women. Our history topic this term links closely with our English work.



Supporting your child's learning at home

In year 6 we will set homework weekly. Homework will be set on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday. Homework will start at the end of week 2. In addition, we would also like your child to read regularly at home for pleasure. They will have a reading record and should bring this to school every day along with their reading book. A list of the spellings we are working on this term can be found on the year 6 page on the website.

French

This term, we will be learning the unit Local Places, including directions in a town, compass points and directions.

PE

This term, PE will be: Tag Rugby

6C – Tuesday

6BH – Thursday (week 1) Monday (week 2)

6K – Tuesday

6FH – Friday (week 1) Monday (week 2)

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 1 in Year 6!

The week beginning 7th September is week 1.

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

