



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Welcome to Term 1

Welcome to a brand new school year! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We can't wait to welcome the children back for an exciting year of learning. We are looking forward to a fantastic first term filled with new experiences, creativity, curiosity and plenty of fun as the children continue their learning journey. This term, the children will begin to build on the skills they developed in Reception while growing in confidence and independence. Our curriculum overview is available on the Year 1 page of the school website, where you can find more information about what the children will be learning in each subject throughout the term. We love enriching our curriculum with real-life experiences. If you, or someone you know, has a job, hobby or special skill linked to any of our learning this term and would be happy to come into school to share it with the children, we would be delighted to hear from you. We are also always grateful for reading volunteers. If you are able to spare some time to read with children, whether on a regular basis or occasionally, please let your child's class teacher know. Please remember to visit the Year 1 page on the school website regularly. Here you will find copies of newsletters and letters, homework, spellings, important dates, key information and photographs celebrating the wonderful learning taking place in our classrooms. As always, we will be available on the classroom doors at the beginning and end of each school day and can also be contacted via email.

Beech Class - Miss Immy Jenkins ijenkins@ashtongateprimary.org

Cherry Class - Miss Phoebe Hillyard phillyard@ashtongateprimary.org

Elm Class - Miss Sidra Kahn skahn@ashtongateprimary.org

Willow Class - Mrs Kady Houghton (p/t) khoughton@ashtongateprimary.org and Mrs Shannon Johnson (p/t) sjohnson@ashtongateprimary.org

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Dates for your diary and special events:

INSET day: Thursday 3rd
September 2026

INSET day: Friday
4th September 2026

INSET day: Monday
2nd November 2026

Forest school

Willow and Cherry classes:

Monday 28th September

Monday 5th October

Monday 12th October

Monday 19th October

Beech and Elm Classes:

Wednesday 30th September

Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday 14th October

Wednesday 21st October

English

In Phonics, we will be continuing with our phonics programme 'Little Wandle', building on the reading skills learnt in Reception. We will regularly visit the library and share a wide variety of books to encourage a love of reading. We will also continue with structured story time lessons where we will be developing reading fluency and skills with the use of stories such as 'Let's stick together' and 'Beegu'.

In English, we will be developing writing skills through enjoying a range of texts including 'Traction Man Is Here'. We will be developing simple sentence structure skills such as capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Maths

In Maths, we will be developing a deep understanding of numbers to 10. Children will learn to solve mathematical problems and represent numbers in a variety of ways through practical activities, both inside and outside, as well as using stories, pictures and songs.



Science

Children will begin to use new scientific skills such as observing, comparing and classifying, which will be applied through the various topics each term. The year will begin with lessons surrounding seasonal changes and weather. The children will also be learning about plants and trees which will enrich their forest school experiences towards the end of the term.



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PSHE

We will explore how we are the same and different to others, and how special and unique we all are.

Religion and Worldviews

Firstly, the children will understand the concept of respect. Secondly, the children will explore different religion creation stories.

DT

The children will be building towers and will explore stability.



Art

This term in Year 1, we will be developing our drawing skills. The children will explore a range of drawing techniques and learn how to use different lines, shapes and patterns to create their artwork. They will practise using pencils with increasing control and confidence while experimenting with a variety of marks and textures.

Music

The children will be engaging in singing. This term, the children will be exploring different types of songs using different rhythms and pitches. They will engage in different musical pieces.

Geography

This term, the children will be exploring Continents, Oceans, Countries and Cities of the UK. The children will be exposed to catchy songs to help them to memorise their learning. Get ready for all the lovely singing you will hear!

History

In term one the children will be learning about their immediate surroundings through time focusing on shops in the past and the present and how this shop has changed and how they are different to what they used to be a long time ago. There will be a real focus on chronology showing how the local area has changed.

Supporting your child's learning at home

Please continue to read regularly at home with your child. It is really important to read the books more than once to ensure that your child has a thorough understanding of what they are reading and can really enjoy the story by reading it fluently. Reading other books alongside those that come home from school is also fantastic practice and is vital to developing a real love of reading. Please enjoy sharing the library books that your child will bring home. You will also be given log in details to access brilliant online resources to support your child. If you would like any support in helping your child at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Computing

We begin our computing topic learning about 'mouse skills'.



PE

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

This term, PE will be:

Cherry Class: Tuesdays on weeks 3,5,7 and Wednesdays on weeks 2,4,6,8.

Elm Class: Mondays on weeks 1,3, 4, 5 and 7.

Wednesday on week 2.

Tuesday on week 8.

Beech Class: Mondays. (Week 4 it is on Thursday)

Willow Class: Wednesdays



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 1!