



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. Please look out for the email about our 'meet and greet' session, which will be coming out soon.

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 have any skills linked to our learning this term, and are willing to come in to share with the children, please let your child's class teacher know.

We will be available on the playground at the end of the school day and can be contacted by email. Please do not hesitate to email or speak to us.

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Dates for your diary and special events:

Monday 7th September: First day of Term 1

Thursday 17th September: Year 2 Meet & Greet

Friday 9th October: Ashton Site individual school photos

WB Monday 19th October: Bike & Scooter Week

Friday 23rd October: Last day of Term 1

English

Our English learning this year will start by recounting our summer holidays, using materials collected during the summer break. We will then complete some learning about sentence structure before we dive into our first text of the year; 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies. The children will use the text to create their own character descriptions. We will end the term with some poetry, learning and then writing our own rhyming odes.

Maths

During the first week, children will be introduced to the 'habits of a marvellous mathematician' where they will put these into practice using a range of manipulatives. 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.



Geography

We will be exploring human and physical geography in our local area, before comparing cities in the UK and Africa through a study of **London and Nairobi**.

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.



Science

This term, we will be exploring **living things and their habitats**. Children will learn how living things are suited to their habitats, classify things as living, dead or never alive, and investigate microhabitats through a mini-beast hunt. We will also explore **food chains** and how living and non-living things are connected.



Art and DT

In Art, we will be looking at the work of Paul Klee. 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. For DT, we will be looking at objects and understanding how they move before constructing our own moving monsters.

Music

We will start our learning about music with lots of singing this term. The children will explore how singing helps them work together, how to use graphic scores, how symbols can represent pitch and how to improvise with four notes.

History

We will be learning about the Great Fire of London this term. The children will begin their journey by asking the question 'What happened in London in September 1666?' They will be using Samuel Pepys's diary to aid their understanding of key events alongside exploring how the fire started. Opportunities to compare differences of ways of life from now to 1666 will support deeper understanding of changes and those that could be found in the future.



Religion and World Views

We will explore the question '**How and why do some people show thanks?**' This will be linked to Harvest festival.



Supporting your child's learning at home

Your child will have access to a reading book and a 'reading for pleasure' book, which they will choose themselves from the school library. We encourage you to read with your child as often as possible and record in their diary when you read together at home.

Computing

The first topic to the year is 'What is a computer?'. We will look at computer parts, inputs and suggest what might a computer have inside. Overall, we will be looking at computers as technology and what the technology does.

PE

This term, PE will be **team building and fundamental movement skills**. Please ensure your child comes in in their PE kit on their PE day. Please note these are subject to change and your class teacher will notify you of any changes if necessary.

PE Days:

Rowan: Monday

Oak: Alternate Mondays and Wednesdays

Sycamore: Thursday



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 in year 2!