Ashmole Primary School – Reception Class Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 6 (2025-2026)

This term, our learning will be based around the theme of 'Space and Our Planet'

Literacy: Children will continue daily phonics lessons, in which they will review all graphemes learnt this year and apply their phonic knowledge to longer words. In writing, children will learn to use the golden sentence rules (capital letters, full stops and finger spaces) independently in phrases and sentences. Inspiration for writing will come from a range of texts, including 'Look Up!', 'How to Catch a Star' and 'Zog'.

Mathematics: Children will continue to develop their composition skills, focusing on the different ways to make 6, 7, 8 and 9. They will explore number bonds to 10 and use their composition skills to identify even and odd numbers. They will learn how to double a number, first through practical activities before writing number sentences. Children will learn how to share objects, pictures and numbers fairly. They will revise their learning from throughout the year and use this to solve more challenging reasoning problems.

Understanding the World: Through texts such as 'Look Up!' and 'How to Catch a Star', children will learn about Space and Our Planet, including astronauts such as Mae Jemison. They will learn about the advancements in space travel. Children will also learn about communities that live in rainforests, as well as the different animals that live under the sea. Throughout these topics, children will engage with the natural world in our playground.

Expressive Arts and Design: Children will continue to experiment with a range of materials, tools and techniques to create artwork. They will draw, paint and build pieces inspired by their learning about 'Space and Our Planet'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Children will continue to engage with transition activities to prepare them for Year 1. They will continue to complete work independently. Children will learn how the Ashmole Core Values support their learning and the learning of their peers.

Physical Development: In PE, children will develop their cycling skills using balance bikes. They will practise balancing on the bike, before navigating turns in and out of cones. Children will continue to practise their gross motor skills on the equipment outside. Their fine motor skills will grow further through practising their handwriting, colouring inside the lines and cutting.

Communication and Language: Children will learn subject specific vocabulary linked to 'Space and Our Planet'. They will learn to use this vocabulary in conversations with peers and adults, and within their imaginative play. As well as Show and Tell sessions, children will begin to present their work to the class, explaining the methods they used to create it. They will ask and answer questions about each other's work.

Reading/Phonics: Reading folders must come into school on a **Tuesday**. Your child will read with an adult twice, before their new book comes home on **Thursday**. Please remember to write a comment in your child's reading record.
Library books are changed every **Wednesday**.

PE: PE takes place every **Wednesday.**

Upcoming dates for your diary.

- **Parent Café: Wednesday 17th June 2026- 'Modern Foreign Languages' in the school hall from 9:00am-10:00am**
- **Summer Fair: Friday 19th June 2026 from 3:30pm**
- **Humanities Open Afternoon: Wednesday 1st July 2026**
- **Parent Café: Thursday 2nd July- 'Wellbeing at Ashmole' in the school hall from 9:00am-10:00am**
- **End of Year Report Collection Day: Thursday 9th July.**
- **End of Term: Friday 17th July @2pm**