



# Ashley Junior School

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17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term, I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. This term our topic is 'Get Moving' which will be all about sports and exercise. We are hoping to have a Karate coach and a dance instructor in to enhance our learning and give the children new experiences.

In Literacy, we will be enjoying the text 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and learning how to write stories and use punctuation. We will also be working on our spelling and handwriting. We will look at the biographies of some famous sports people and try and write our own in the same style. Later in the term we will be writing non-fiction, learning how to present instructions and invitations and we will be sharing the text 'The Jolly Postman'.

In Maths we will be continuing to work with number and also learning about fractions, mass and volume. We will be working on applying our understanding to problems and investigations.

We will be learning about our muscles and skeletons and those of other animals in science and finding out what effects exercise has on our bodies. We will also learn about our digestive systems and why it is important to eat the right foods to keep us healthy and fit. In Learning For Life we will focus on making friends and keeping friends and also developing a growth mindset, resilience and a positive attitude. In Art we will be learning how to draw different animals and looking at the work of famous artists who draw animals. We will do some work with clay and will make some animal masks. Later in the term we will have a DT project around designing a van for the postman (who is too tired to ride his bike anymore!)

The children will continue do Computing and Music with their mainstream buddies on different days according to their year group (with the usual support from an RP team member as needed). The children will also continue to join their mainstream buddies for PE.

Generally speaking, Earhart children do Literacy activities, including some Lexia, in the morning followed by a Story Time and break/snack time. Please remember that healthy snacks such as fruit and vegetables are the only snack we allow unless your child has specific dietary needs.

After break there are maths activities. After lunch the children will focus on the other curriculum areas such as Geography, Science and Art. They will also complete learning for life skills, social language and fine motor skills.

The children will continue to bring their book bag home each day and, as always, it is important that this is returned every day. In the book bag you will find a reading book and a reading record where you can record your reading with your child. Please read as often as you can with your child. It is important to read and re-read texts until the vocabulary is really familiar. It is also important to talk about the story and the characters – what they are doing and how they might be feeling.

Finally, as an end of term treat, we are planning a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic'. This might take place in the forest, or maybe at school! The date and location will be finalised soon and we will let you know as soon as we can.

As always, we will send an email to let you know if there is anything we need to communicate and we are always happy to hear from you if there is anything you think it would be helpful to know. In addition, we will always try to take a call from you if needed.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to a lovely summer term full of sunshine and happy learning.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Harling, Mrs Hurley and Mrs Hardcastle and the RP Team