

## Mars Class Curriculum Overview

### English

Traditional tales

Food, glorious food! - Fun food facts!; Questions and Answers; Recipes (information texts)

Superheroes - stories on a theme: My favourite superhero; Exploring superheroes; Comic strip heroes

My world : In the garden; Polar bears; Water world (Compare fiction and non-fiction texts)

Poems on a theme: Sense of Humour: Discovering poems about the senses; Description in poems about the senses; Performing and writing poems about the senses

### Maths

Understanding Number: Consolidation and Extension

- 10 and beyond Yr R

2 digit numbers and place value Yr 1

Addition and Subtraction

- Number bonds

2 digit numbers and applying number bond knowledge to larger numbers

Measuring, time and money

Fractions: Halves and Quarters

Data and Statistics (patterns, sorting and pictograms)

Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (clever counting)

Problem solving

3d shapes

### Science

Plants

Naming parts of plants

Learning names of flowering plants and trees.

Growing plants from seeds, bulbs and tubers.

Experimenting to find what conditions plants grow best in

### RE

How did the universe come to be?

Hindu and Christian creation stories

### PSHE

Exploring and identifying feelings

Resilience and coping with challenges

### PE

Athletics

Cricket

### DT

Designing, creating and evaluating fruit salad

### Art

African art

African masks

### Music

High and low notes

Graphic scores

Playing instruments following graphic scores

### ICT

Data handling

Internet safety

### Geography

Around the World:

Reception:

Development Matters:

• Understanding the World: People, Culture and Communities

• Understanding the World: The Natural World

ELG: People, Culture and Communities

• Know some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries

Year 1:

National Curriculum:

• Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans

• Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area in a contrasting non-European country

### History

Amazing people: Heroes past and present:

Reception:

Development Matters:

• Understanding the World: Past and Present

• People, Culture and Communities

ELG: Past and Present • Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now

• Talk about the lives of people around them

Year 1:

National Curriculum:

• Lives of significant individuals who have contributed to national and international achievements

• Compare aspects of life in different periods

## Mercury and Saturn Class Curriculum

### Overview

#### MATHEMATICS:

Time, Fractions, Decimals, Area & Perimeter, Scaling, Ratio & Proportion, Number sequences, Pattern, Place Value, + and -, Division & Multiplication, Measurement. Weekly Times Tables Tests

#### ENGLISH:

Weekly Reading Comprehension, Roman Myths, Adaptations (Information texts), Newspaper Reports, Poetry (Michael Rosen)

#### SCIENCE:

Habitats, Plants, Seeds & Fruit

#### ART:

Paintings, Drawing, Pattern, Celtic shield-designs, Images of Boudicca through the ages, Clay - Roman Lanterns

#### D&T:

Design & Make a Meal for a Roman Soldier on the March

#### R.E:

Philosophy - Making Moral Decisions, What Difference does being a Muslim make to Daily Life?

#### R.S.H.E:

Citizenship, Safety & the Changing Body, Economic Wellbeing

#### HUMANITIES:

'The Romans are Coming' (History), Volcanoes & Earthquakes

#### MUSIC:

Singing, instrument work, composition, listening activities - School Summer Production

#### PE:

Athletics, Cricket

#### FRENCH:

In the Classroom, Birthdays & Celebrations

## Jupiter Class Curriculum Overview

### MATHEMATICS:

Advanced fractions and decimals, percentages and proportion, algebra and sequences, statistics, problem solving and reasoning.

### ENGLISH:

Key texts:

- Historical Fiction: War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
- White Feather by Catherine and David MacPhail
- Hidden Figures - The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Curiosity - The Story of a Mars Rover by Markus Motom

Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson put Astronauts on the Moon by Helaine Becker

Writing genres: narrative, diary entries, reports and recounts, newspaper reports

Daily grammar activities and 3x weekly reading comprehension practice too.

### SCIENCE:

Electricity and Light

### ART:

War Themes

### D&T:

Making slippers - textiles

### RSHE:

Citizenship, Safety and the Changing Body, Economic Wellbeing

### RE:

Christianity: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?

Hinduism: How do Hindus make sense of the world?

### HUMANITIES:

History: WWI

Geography: Coastal Features and Change

### MUSIC:

Preparing for end of year production

### PE:

Cricket and Athletics

# Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is vital for your child's academic success and personal development. Each day offers unique learning opportunities and social interactions that cannot be replicated at home. Consistent attendance helps children build relationships, develop essential skills and maintain learning momentum.

**We understand children become genuinely unwell and will of course report such absences fairly. However, minor ailments like sniffles are not always a reason to miss school, and we encourage attendance wherever possible.**

Missing school creates learning gaps that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education.

**Congratulations to Mars Class for having the highest attendance the week before the Easter Holidays! They will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward.**

**Jupiter Class: 96%**

**Saturn Class: 94.12%**

**Mercury Class: 96.36%**

**Mars Class: 98.42%**

## Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- **Wednesday 22nd April - Earth Day! All classes will get their 'hands dirty' doing Earth Day Activities during the afternoon!**
- **THANKS to Aron Hoxby for gifting us some seeds to plant!! We really appreciate it so much!**
- **Thursday 23rd April - Mars class visiting the library bus @ 13:00**
- **Friday 24th April @ 09:15 - Celebration Assembly**
- **Wednesday 29th April - Saturn Class @ Roman Workshop all day. All children and staff may dress up as Romans for the day and learn all about the Romans on the day! How exciting!!**
- **Wednesday 29th April - Wednesday 6th May @ 15:30-16:00 every day - Scholastic Book Fair in the Hall**
- **Friday 30th April @ 09:15 - Celebration Assembly**
- **Monday 4th May - No school**
- **Monday 4th May - Ashdon Fun Run! Please come and join us all in making this annual event, hosted by our PTA a huge success!**

## Pawsome Readers

We are so proud of our two new pupils who spent some of their very first week at Ashdon doing something truly special — settling down with a book and reading aloud to our wonderful school dog, Jaffle!



Reading to a dog is a brilliant way to build confidence, as our four-legged listener is always patient, always calm, and never judges a single stumbled word. Both children showed such enthusiasm and care, and Jaffle, of course, was the perfect audience — ears up and thoroughly engaged throughout!



Beautiful Reading!

Love:

Jaffle xx

## Ashdon 3km, 10km and Fun Run 2026



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[Ashdon 10k, 3k & Fun Run 2026](#)

Ashdon Primary School PTA – 29th Annual 10km, 3km & Fun Run  
Join us on **Monday 4th May (May Bank Holiday)** for our 29th annual run! Whether you're a serious runner, a jogger, or a walker, there's something for everyone as we celebrate the beautiful countryside of Ashdon.

**Race details:** **Registration opens at 09:00 and closes at 09:45, with races starting at 10:30am.** The 10km cross-country route offers a challenging mix of terrains, predominantly off-road across the rolling countryside, with road closures in place for any on-road sections. The course is well marshalled with kilometre markers and a halfway water station.

### Categories:

- 10km adult run (chip timed)
- 3km under-16s run (chip timed)
- 3km fun run

**Please note that children under 11 must be accompanied by a responsible adult over 18.**

**Awards:** Medals for all finishers, with trophies awarded to winners across all sections.

**On the day:** Free car parking, water, first aid, refreshments, food vendors, an ice cream van, and face painting will all be available.

**All races start and finish at Ashdon Primary School.**  
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

### **A Huge Thank You to Our Wonderful Sponsors!**

Our event simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity of our sponsors. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ashdon Children's Nursery, Ashdon Parish Council, Cheffins, Saffron Security, The Foot Health Clinic, The Plough Bar & Grill, The Rose & Crown and Ford Homes. Their continued support means that we can keep this much-loved community event enjoyable for everyone — from our youngest fun runners to our most seasoned athletes. We are truly grateful for their kindness and commitment to our school and the wider Ashdon community. If you get the chance, please do support these fantastic local businesses