



AUTUMN TERM

Jackson Pollock Class



Welcome to Reception! We have had a great start to the year, with the children settling into their new class and school life well. They are really excited to get to know each other and make new friends. The children are learning about our school rules and our daily routines. We will be singing nursery rhymes and counting songs, developing their listening skills as well as recognising rhyme. We will also be using the children's interests to enhance our learning opportunities and ensure that learning is fun!

Baseline Assessments

We are currently making our baseline assessments of all pupils. Most parents have returned their completed pre-assessment form. This information is very useful and we appreciate your help. If you have not yet returned your form, please return it as soon as possible.

Most preschools passed a copy of the children's Learning Journeys straight to us or have sent us a Tapestry link. If you have your child's learning journey booklet (it might be called a 'special book' or 'profile'), we would be grateful if you loaned it to us. These booklets give us an invaluable insight into what the children have already learned and their interests. All Learning Journeys will be returned to you at our first parents evening later this term.

Tapestry

We use Tapestry to share your child's learning journey throughout the Reception year with you. You should receive an email in the coming weeks to activate your account. Please let us know if you have any trouble logging in and accessing your child's learning journey. We will regularly share what the focus of our learning has been for the week, including photographs of your child engaged in their learning. We would love to receive your comments and observations, so please do leave us a reply or add your own observations from home. You will find instructions on how to upload observations in your child's learning journal.

ClassDojo

It is brilliant to see that almost all of you are now connected to ClassDojo and this will help you keep up to date with all our class and school news at Greenfield. Every Friday, we have our Star of the Week Awards (one child from each key worker group) and we post photos of

recipients on ClassDojo. You might have noticed the messaging facility too; this is great for passing on non-urgent messages or if you have a quick, simple question. However, please do approach us for more urgent or important discussions.

Book bags & Reading

The children need to bring their book bags to school every day. They are really useful for putting letters and messages in, as well as keeping reading books new sounds and tricky words safely together. Looking after their book bags is also one way in which the children can further develop their independence.

Before we start sending home books, it will really help for parents to find out how we teach phonics and reading and how you can help at home. We hope that you have received information about the reading meetings on Tuesday 4th October.

Water bottles

It is important that the children drink plenty of water to stay hydrated to keep their brains active. They need to bring a clean water bottle into school each day. Please make sure that your child's bottle is clearly named.

PE kits

PE kits (white T-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls) are needed in school each week. Again, please ensure that all items are clearly labelled and brought in a separate bag to leave in school. We will send home PE kits for washing at the end of each half term.

Coming into school

As the children settle into school life, we would like to encourage them to come into the classroom and organise their belongings independently. Our morning drop off procedures are working well with this so thank you for your support.

Learning outdoors

Our children learn outdoors every day whatever the weather, so please can you make sure that your child has a waterproof coat and, as the weather cools, gloves, hat and scarf too. On Forest School days, we have a superb mud kitchen in our outdoor area. We ask that children bring in a pair of wellies and a puddle suit for their Forest School sessions. These will be sent home at the end of each session. Again, all wellies need the owner's name written inside.

Who's who?

Mr Sutton and Miss Emery are our teachers in Reception class and will work daily with their key groups as well as the whole class. Our teaching assistant Miss Lees will always be available to support our Reception children and Mr Jaunzems supports in the Forest school sessions. We are lucky to have a student teacher, called Miss Collins, supporting us this term. As the children move around the different areas of learning, they will work with all of the adults throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us if there is anything you are not sure about. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the next few weeks and to a happy and successful year.

Best wishes,

The EYFS Team