

Welcome to Greene Class!



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in helping your child to settle into school. This is an exciting yet sometimes anxious time for both children and parents. Please don't hesitate to speak if you, or your child, have any queries or questions. *Let your light shine*

Our focus for this term is to support your child as they make the transition to school. We will be supporting your child as they make new friendships and become used to the school routines.

Our Reception Class is an exciting environment. Children can take part in creative, imaginative and investigative activities. Please remember that all this excitement, alongside getting to know new friends and new routines, often means that children become tired by the end of the day. Alongside settling into school, our topic this term is 'All About Me' and we will be learning about our bodies and our friends and family, our school, our homes and our locality. Please see the attached topic plan for more information. As well as this, our RE will also be focusing on 'Creation', introducing children to God and the Bible.

Reading

Reading books will be issued as your child becomes more confident with segmenting and blending letter sounds, when we have assessed where they currently are. Until this happens, please continue to read to your child daily. Once they have their own book, please listen to your child read daily and record the pages read in their diary. Reading books will be changed on a *Monday, Wednesday and Friday*.

Letters and Sounds

Following our assessments children will bring words and or sounds to practice. More details to follow!

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to bring in a water bottle from home. Please can the bottle be named and taken home each evening to be washed and filled with fresh water. We also have water available in class, and milk is provided before morning break.

P.E.

Please can all children have their named PE kit (in a named bag) in school every day. Although PE is timetabled it may change throughout the term.

We ask that children bring in a pair of old trainers to change into at playtimes, and spare clothes to keep in school. Although we will try to minimise mess, it's an important part of their learning, and spare clothes are always useful!

Ted the Bear

Starting in the next few weeks, the children will take it in turns to bring Ted the Bear home on a Friday. Please take some photos and add some words about your weekend, which your child can share with the class on Monday.

WOW Vouchers

Your children will be bringing home WOW vouchers soon. With these, you can add comments on activities happening outside of class that we can celebrate!

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries. You can always email, however, if you wish to talk in person, please catch me on the playground after school, or contact Mrs McCarthy in the office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

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