

KS1 Parental Information

Monday 8th September



Greenfields
Community Primary School

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KS1**
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New learning environments and experiences in KS1

After much research and reflection, Greenfields have made some changes in the way that we are facilitating learning. While the **curriculum remains consistent**, the way children engage with their learning becomes more **flexible, immersive, and exploratory**.

Because of these changes, **learning in KS1 will be more playful and exploratory**. This approach allows children to:

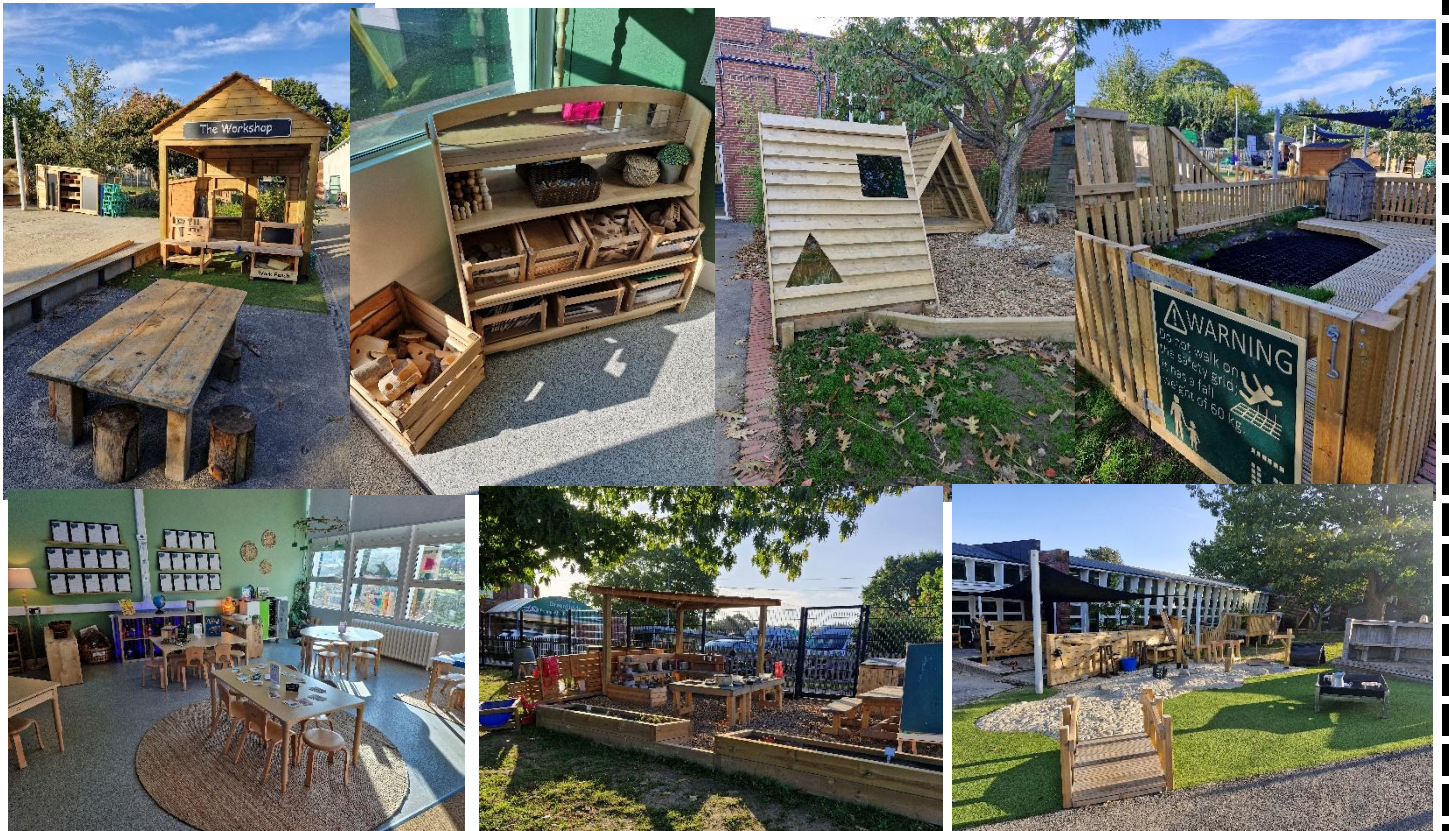
- **Learn through play, investigation, and hands-on exploration**
- **Be active participants** in their own learning
- Work collaboratively with peers and adults
- **Practice and consolidate skills and knowledge** in meaningful ways

Play offers children:

- **Enjoyment and fun**, helping them feel happy and motivated
- **A sense of agency and wellbeing**, as they make choices and take control of their learning
- **Opportunities for creative and critical thinking**, encouraging problem-solving and imagination
- **The refinement of skills** that have been developing since birth
- **The consolidation of skills and knowledge** learned more formally

While much of the learning in KS1 is exploratory, **some areas will still be taught in a more formal way**, such as **phonics, maths, and handwriting**. This ensures that children continue to develop essential skills alongside their play, investigation, and creative learning.

Below are some images to show just some of our amazing new learning environments:



Wet Weather Gear

Our learning extends to outside, so we must make sure we are prepared for all weathers! This means that the children should wear appropriate clothing, bring waterproof jackets or sun hats as needed, and have suitable footwear to keep their feet dry!



KS1 - Cycle B



Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<p><u>Geography</u> - Where we live (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Science</u> - Animals (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Music</u> - Your Imagination (1 week)</p> <p><u>RE</u> - Jewish People (2 weeks)</p>	<p><u>History</u> - Communication (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Computing</u> - E - safety (1 week)</p> <p><u>PSHE</u> - Families & People who care for me (1 week)</p> <p><u>DT</u> - Sewing (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Science</u> - Materials (1 week)</p>	<p><u>Geography</u> - Our Amazing World (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Geography</u> - Weather (1 week)</p> <p><u>Art</u> - Abstract Art (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>PSHE Week</u> - Culture (1 week)</p>
Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<p><u>History</u> - Dinosaurs (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Science</u> - Living things & their habitats (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>RE</u> - Muslims (2 weeks)</p>	<p><u>Science</u> - Plants (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Computing</u> - Coding (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Music</u> - Friendship Song (1 week)</p> <p><u>PSHE</u> - Caring Friendships (1 week)</p>	<p><u>History</u> - The Great Fire of London (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Art</u> - Silhouettes (2 weeks)</p> <p><u>Computing</u> - Animation (1 week)</p> <p><u>DT</u> - Structures (1 week)</p> <p><u>PSHE Week</u> - The Environment (1 week)</p>

Year 1 - maths

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Number Place value (within 10) FREE TRIAL VIEW					Number Addition and subtraction (within 10) VIEW					Geometry Shape VIEW	Consolidation
Spring	Number Place value (within 20) VIEW		Number Addition and subtraction (within 20) VIEW		Number Place value (within 50) VIEW		Measurement Length and height VIEW		Measurement Mass and volume VIEW			
Summer	Number Multiplication and division VIEW		Number Fractions VIEW	Geometry Position and direction VIEW	Number Place value (within 100) VIEW		Measurement Money VIEW	Measurement Time VIEW		Consolidation		

Year 2 - maths

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7 Week 8 Week 9 Week 10 Week 11 Week 12

Autumn

Number

Place value
FREE TRIAL

Free trial

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Number

Addition and subtraction

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Geometry

Shape

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Spring

Measurement

Money

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Number

Multiplication and division

[VIEW](#)

Measurement

Length and height

[VIEW](#)

Measurement

Mass, capacity and temperature

[VIEW](#)

Summer

Number

Fractions

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Measurement

Time

[VIEW](#)

Statistics

[VIEW](#)

Geometry

Position and direction

[VIEW](#)

Consolidation

English

Term 1 – Writing to entertain



George's Marvellous
Medicines by Roald Dahl



Look Up! By Nathan
Byron



Revolting Rhymes by
Roald Dahl

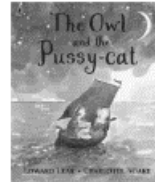
Term 2 – Writing to entertain



Rabbit & Bear by Julian
Gough & Jim Field



The Whale who Wanted
More by Rachel Bright

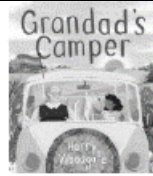


The Owl & the Pussycat

Term 3 – Writing to inform



Marv and the Mega Robot
by Alex Falase-Koya



Grandad's Camper by
Harry Woodgate



10 Things Found in a
Wizard's Pocket by Ian
McMillan

Term 4 – Writing to entertain



The Hodgehog by Dick
King-Smith



Lost & Found by Oliver
Jeffers



Queue for the Zoo by
Clare Bevan

Term 5 – Writing to inform



The Boy who Grew
Dragons by And
Shepherd



Grandad's Island by Benji
Davies



Walking with my Iguana
by Brian Moses

Term 6 – Writing to entertain



Grimm's Fairytales



We're Going to Find the
Monster by Malorie
Blackman



Poems Aloud by Joseph
Coelho

Trips and parental engagement

Term 1	Parental event: Science Workshop Trip: Wildwood
Term 2	Parental event: Sewing Workshop Trip: Observatory Science Centre
Term 3	Parental event: Art Gallery Trip: Turner Contemporary
Term 4	Parental event: Creating Bug Houses Trip: Riverside Country Park
Term 5	Parental event: Music Performance Trip: Communigrow Workshop
Term 6	Parental event: Dinosaur Workshop Trip: History Museum London

This year, the cost for each child to attend these is £33.31. The cost for you is £0!

Club options for Term 1/2

Monday	Just Dance Art Gymnastics
Tuesday	
Wednesday	KS1 Football KS1 Multiskills Lego
Thursday	Drawing
Friday	

PE

During Term 1, KS1 will have PE on a Tuesday. This will be dance.

PE Kit:

Black shorts

House coloured plain t-shirt with the school logo.

A plain black tracksuit or Team Greenfields hoodie may be worn for outdoor PE

Trainers or plimsolls

Homework expectations

This year, we will continue to use online platforms for their homework. Children will be using the following online platforms to support their learning at home. Please see below for the names of these platforms, where to find them and the minimum expectations for their homework.

TT Rockstars/Numbots – a minimum of 5 minutes, 3 times a week

www.ttrockstars.com/ - Also available to download as an app in the App Store or Google Play or as a website

This website helps children develop their times tables and number knowledge by playing quick-fire games in different game modes.

Reading – a minimum of 15 minutes 3 times a week – 1 weekly post to Seesaw

<https://app.seesaw.me> – Also available to download as an app in the App Store or Google Play

We believe that reading is the most vital thing which children can do at home to support and further their learning. Children are expected to read regularly at home (a minimum of three times a week). Once a week, they will need to post on Seesaw about what they have been reading, this could be: a short paragraph, a video/voice recording, a character description etc. Children will be given the opportunity to change their books regularly in school. If books are lost or not returned, a fine will be issued as it is really important that we can continue to have a great stock of books. This homework time is the ideal way to complete reading challenges.

Phonics Shed – no assigned homework

<https://www.phonicshed.com/en-gb/>

The children will also have access to Phonics Shed, but they will not have assigned homework, and can use this at their pleasure. The children will receive a login, so they can practice and apply the phonics skills they have learnt.

Homework is due in each Monday, children need to ensure that they have reached the minimum expectation of homework beforehand. If, for any reason, your child is unable to access the internet at home, please let your child's class teacher know. We look forward to seeing your child's progress throughout the year and the support they receive to continue their learning at home.

Reading Challenges

KS1 Reading Challenge

Term 1 & 2

For your reading challenge in term 1 and 2, you need to read the books and complete the challenges listed below. Remember, you need to post on Seesaw each time you complete one of the challenges. If you have finished a book you must: post a photo of the book you chose and either at least one minute of you reviewing the book (voice recording or video) or a paragraph to review it. If it is a challenge, you must post a photo!

If you need any suggestions, please ask your teachers

- **A book by Rachel Bright**
- **A magazine or a comic**
- **A book which has a front cover the same colour as your school house**
- **Choose your favourite book for you or an adult to read as your bedtime story**
- **Read a non-fiction book of your choice**
- **Read a book to a pet or a teddy**
- **Read to someone else**

If you complete all your challenges, you will be able to claim your prize
– choose your own book from the vending machine!

Uniform

Children are required to wear:

Bottle green plain sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo.

Bottle green fleece with the school logo.

School black Team Greenfields hoodie. No other hooded garments are acceptable.

White polo shirt with or without school logo or white tailored shirt

Grey, navy or black tailored trousers or grey, navy or black skirt

Optional Summer Wear: - green striped or checked dresses or grey, navy or black tailored shorts

PLEASE NOTE: LEGGINGS/JEANS OF ANY COLOUR ARE NOT PERMITTED

Shoes:

Sensible low heels in plain black, dark brown or navy

Plain black trainers – with black laces only

Shoe laces should be the same colour as the shoes

PLEASE NOTE: Black, dark brown or navy boots may be worn under trousers only Socks/Tights Plain white, grey, navy or black

Jewellery and hair:

It is encouraged that pupils do not wear any jewellery to school. Children are only permitted to wear small stud earrings in pierced ears. Children should be able to remove their stud earrings on request. Please note that the school will not take responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any jewellery. Make up Children are not permitted to wear any make up at school. This includes nail varnish. Hair In the interest of health and safety especially during PE lessons and other activities we request that all children with hair below collar length come to school with their hair tied back. This also helps to reduce the transfer of head lice.

You can purchase uniform directly from the school.

Please contact us via Reach More Parents or on 01622 758538 to place an order.

Current Prices:

Team Greenfields Black Hoody - £16.00

Green Logo Cardigan - £12.00

Green Logo Jumper - £11.00

White Logo Polo shirt - £7.00

Logo PE T-shirt (House Colour) - £6.00

Drawstring PE bag - £3.50

Friends of Greenfields

The Friends of Greenfields (FoGs) are an active group of parents, teachers, governors, friends, grandparents etc. who work hard to create wonderful opportunities for the children at Greenfields. We have an elected committee whose primary role is to direct the focus of these opportunities and ensure our resources are best used to support the children.

"Being a member of the Friends of Greenfields is a rewarding way to actively contribute to my children's education and community. I'm immensely proud of what the team does, and all the money we raise goes straight back to the children. From wrapping Christmas presents, to serving tea and coffee at a wet, windy tournament, seeing the looks on the children's faces makes it all worthwhile." - FoGs Member and Parent

Through our charity status (charity number 1196981), we primarily aim to raise money for the school. These funds help enhance the children's education, assist in improving the school environment and allow additional resources to supplement the children's experiences at Greenfields.

We also assist and help out around school by running and supporting events and occasionally act as additional adults on educational trips.

Some of the things our FOGs have helped to fund:

Trips

Leavers' Hoodies

Visit from Santa

Renting a swimming pool

They also run Family Friday every Friday except for the winter terms.

If you wish to become an active member of the FOGs, our next AGM (annual general meeting) is: Thursday 2nd October at 2pm.

This year, we are also going to be appointing a new parent governor. If you are interested in this, make sure to look out for more information coming soon!