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'Learning in Reception' Parent/Carer Workshop – Wednesday 24th September 5:30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware from our half-termly newsletter, the Early Years team will be hosting a workshop for parents and carers on Wednesday 24th September at 5:30pm in the school hall. The workshop will primarily focus on the teaching and learning of phonics and early reading at Greenside, but will also provide important information about how your child's learning can be supported at home and how learning at school and home can be shared through the Dojo Learning Journal. Many of our schemes and routines have been updated in recent years and therefore we encourage parents/carers to attend the workshop, even if your Reception child has an older sibling in school.

During the workshop we will look at the following:

- Understanding the concept of phonics and how your child is using phonics to learn to read.
- How parents/carers can support their child with their reading at home, including access to free online resources provided by the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. We will have examples of the reading materials that will be sent home weekly for parent/carers to view and will explain how these change as pupils progress through the scheme.
- Expectations for homework and home learning during your child's time in Reception and how this supports their learning in school. This includes reading materials, learning key words and practising their handwriting and writing skills in their homework book.
- How to use the school planner to communicate about your child's reading at home.
- Support for parents/carers regarding fun online portals for further home learning such as Oxford Owl for reading and Numbots for maths.
- How to use the Class Dojo Learning Journal platform to view your child's learning in school, as well as adding any observations of your own to share their learning at home with school staff.

We are hoping to see as many parents/carers as possible at the workshop but will also be uploading the presentation slides to the school website for those who are unable to attend.

Yours faithfully,

The Early Years Team

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