



Welcome

Another huge welcome from all of us at Greenside. We have been so impressed at how easily and quickly the children have all settled into their new surroundings and routines!

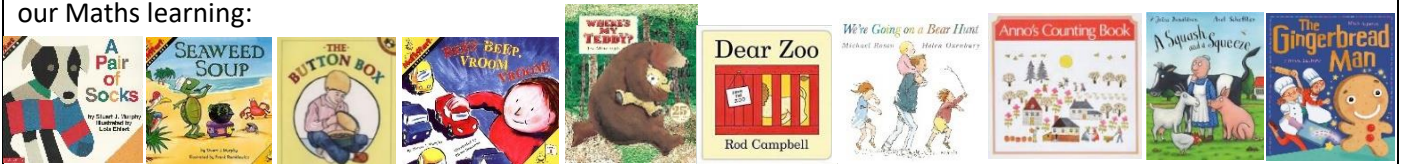
Themes

This half-term, many of our learning themes will be based around the over-arching topic of 'Changes'. We will begin by considering the specific changes for our pupils by learning about our new class and school. We will then be learning about all the different changes that Autumn brings. As always, our themes remain flexible so that we can adapt to specific interests of the children. Some of our key texts this half term will include:



Maths

This half-term, we will be initially getting to know the children before covering the units 'Match, Sort and Compare', 'Talk About Measure and Patterns' and 'It's Me 1,2,3.' During the 'Match, Sort and Compare' unit, we will be learning to match pictures and objects, to identify sets, to sort objects in a variety of ways and to compare different amounts. In the 'Talk About Measure and Patterns' unit we will compare size, mass and capacity before exploring, continuing and creating simple patterns. Finally, in 'It's Me 1,2,3', we will learn to find, represent and subitise the numbers 1 to 3, as well as finding one more and one less. We will use a range of key texts to support our Maths learning:



Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

All pupils should be dropped-off between 8:40am and 8:45am. Reception pupils will be dismissed at 3:10pm. This is 5 minutes prior to the rest of school so that parents/carers can collect Reception pupils first before collecting any older siblings at 3:15pm. Miss Byrnes' class (Friendly Foxes) are dropped off and collected from the left-hand side door. Please inform your child's teacher or the school office if someone different to normal is picking up your child. Members of staff will ask unrecognised adults for the password you provided on your safe dismissals form.

Reminders

As we approach the colder weather, please could you ensure that your child wears a warm and waterproof coat to school every day, as we learn in our outdoor environment in all weather conditions. Please also arrange for your child to have a **pair of wellies** and an **all-in-one waterproof suit** in school for those wet 'muddy puddle' days.

Please remember to name all items of clothing including shoes, hats etc.

Bringing Toys to School

We kindly request that pupils **do not** bring any toys or stationery into school for home. This is to avoid items from becoming lost or damaged. We have plenty of toys and resources for the children to use.

We also request that pupils do not bring in items to share with or gift to other pupils, as this can often lead to misunderstandings and fallings out. If your child does have something to gift to a friend, we kindly request this is done outside of school. Please give any party invitations to your child's class teacher so that these can be placed discretely into book bags.

Phonics and Reading

We will soon be starting Phonics lessons for all Reception children. Phonics will be taught every morning following Registration. We will begin by teaching this together as a whole-class before moving to differentiated group learning later this half-term.

Parent/Carer Workshop – Wednesday 24th September

We will be holding a '**Learning in Reception**' workshop for parents/carers on Wednesday 24th September at **5:30pm**. The workshop will primarily focus on explaining how phonics is taught and how you can help support your child with their learning at home. We will begin to send home reading materials and homework following this meeting.

PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

In Reception, we are continually supporting our pupils to develop their personal, social and emotional skills, which provide important foundations for future learning. This half-term, our PSED learning will focus on showing resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge as well as identifying and moderating their emotions. Initially pupils will be learning about our classroom and expectations, as well as developing language related to feelings in response to new experiences (i.e. starting school). We will also learn to recognise and understand who can help them overcome challenges at home and at school.



We will be using the books 'The Colour Monster goes to School', 'The Tell-Me Tree' and 'All are Welcome' to support our PSED learning this half-term.

Early Years Curriculum

For further information about our Early Years curriculum, including details on all the key texts that we use, please visit: <https://www.greenside-sch.org/curriculum/> where you find a link to our EY Curriculum Map.

Reception Baseline

As you may be aware, since September 2021 all Reception pupils now participate in the Reception Baseline Assessment during their first 6 weeks at school. The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills and uses materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. The purpose of the assessment is to provide the starting point for a new measure of how well pupils progress between Reception and Year 6. Data from the Baseline Assessment is sent straight to the Department of Education and school will not be informed of any results until your child is in Year 6. Therefore, class teachers will also complete an informal baseline of all pupils to inform them of children's starting points across the curriculum and help inform the planning to effectively support and challenge your child/ren moving forward.

Further information for parents/carers about the statutory baseline assessment for Reception pupils can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

House Teams

All pupils at Greenside are a member of one of our four House Teams. These are **Kirkstall Abbey House (Yellow)**, **Roche Abbey House (Red)**, **Bolton Abbey House (Blue)** and **Fountains Abbey House (Green)**. Pupils collect House Points or 'Dojos' as a reward for showcasing our 'Great at Greenside' rules and applying their 'Learning Powers'. These points count towards individual and house team totals. Details of your child's house team can be found inside their planner, which will be distributed on the **12th of September**.

PE

Your child will be taught indoor PE on **Friday mornings** and **we will be starting PE after the half-term holidays** on Friday the 7th November.

On PE days, your child will still need to come to school in their school uniform, with their **PE kit in a named bag** already in school. Your child will need trainers or pumps, black tracksuit trousers, leggings or shorts, a white or bottle green PE t-shirt and a bottle green hoody (pupils may wear their school jumper or cardigan instead of a hoody). PE kit can be purchased from our school uniform provider:

<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/leeds/greenside-primary-school-pudsey>.

We will send home your child's PE kit to be washed on the final week of each half term. Please note the colour of the PE bag is your choice but please ensure both the bag and all items inside it, including shoes, are named.

Arts and Crafts

Our Reception pupils love nothing more than crafting and collaging with a range of recycled materials. To support us with keeping this area stocked, please bring any recycling from home. This will allow the children to upcycle and recreate some amazing masterpieces to share with you at home time. **For hygiene reasons, please do not send in toilet rolls and ensure that items are cleaned before bringing them in.**

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly for Reception and Key Stage 1 will take place fortnightly on Fridays at 9am. If your child has been chosen to receive an award, you will receive a text inviting you to attend the assembly so that you are able to celebrate with your child.

Dates for your diary

24.09.25 – 'Learning in Reception' Meeting 5:30pm
3.10.25 – FROGS Sponsored Walk
15.10.25 – Individual School Photographs

22.10.25 & 23.10.25 – Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings. Further information to follow.
23.10.25 – Last Day of Half Term (Non-uniform day in exchange for Christmas tombola prizes)
24.10.25 – School closed (INSET Day)