



Greenfield Primary School

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Spring Term Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to Nursery to all our children and families! We are already back in full swing and are looking forward to another busy term of learning with your children.

Our learning theme for the first few weeks of this term will be 'The Jungle'. The children have enjoyed playing animal guessing games, sharing jungle themed stories, and we have begun creating some beautiful animal crafts. Next week we will focus on the story 'The Tiger who came to Tea' and the following week (beginning 17/01/22), we will be learning about Elmer the patchwork elephant with a focus on diversity. Please can we ask that each child brings an empty, clean 4pt milk bottle to school for a special craft activity.

For the older children who will be going to Reception in September 2022, we have been busy taking part in some Phase 1 phonics sessions. This term we will be moving on from learning about environment sounds to learning about percussion instrument sounds and body percussion. Next half term we will then focus on rhyme and alliteration in phonics. The purpose of these sessions is to familiarise children with the sounds around them, to encourage them to listen carefully, differentiate between sound makers and describe the sounds they hear. Phase 1 phonics lays the foundation for later learning in reading and writing.

Primary School applications for our preschool children should have been completed online by 5pm on 15th January 2022. Primary School admissions are managed by Oldham Local Authority.

The majority of our parents have filled in and returned the Parent Declaration Form for their child's funding this spring term. This form does need completing each term unless you pay for your child's place and do not access any government grant funding. Without this form back, we will be unable to claim funding for your child's place and subsequently you may be charged. Please note the very last section of the form needs to be signed and dated.

Please note, if your child accesses 30 hours funding with us, it is your responsibility to re-access this through the Government Gateway every three months. You will be sent email notifications to remind you when the time comes around to re-confirm eligibility.

We have noticed many children have received new belongings over the Christmas holidays. Please ensure all water bottles, hats, coats etc are clearly labelled. Please can craft school bags be returned to school so that we can keep organised with sending your child's beautiful creations home.

As always, we are happy to answer any questions you might have about any of the information in this letter.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Mubiru
Nursery Manager

