



Tuesday 8th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 3 at Greatfield Park Primary School. We hope that you had an exciting Christmas holiday and you are ready for a short but busy Term here at School.



Our Curriculum Theme:

This term the children will be working towards answering the question – **AM I DREAMING?** For this project we will be learning about what a dream is, including making our own New Year's Resolutions.

Other Curriculum Areas

Through a range of practical and hands on experiences your Child will access their learning through the following areas:

PRIME AREAS

- **PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)** – Our school Jigsaw theme will be 'Relationships'. In both assembly times and in class we will learn about healthy friendships and what to do if it goes wrong.
- **PD (Physical Development)** – We will continue to improve our use of scissors and pencils with increased accuracy. Using our Read Write Inc skills, we will be further developing our letter formation and becoming more independent with our writing. This Term we will be having Yoga lessons on a Tuesday.
- **CLL (Communication and Language)** – The children will have lots of opportunity to share their experiences through sharing their Home Learning Journals. Talk partners will continue for Classroom discussions and RWI Partners will be introduced.

SPECIFIC AREAS

- **Literacy** – The children will continue to develop their letter formation and writing confidence. This will be achieved through providing opportunities for writing within all areas of the Classroom alongside set adult led activities.
- **Mathematics** – The children will learn to recognise, count, order and write numbers up to 20 and use this knowledge to support simple addition and subtraction skills. Alongside this they will be investigating the days of the week and sequencing events.
- **Understanding the World** - We will continue to investigate seasonal changes and be physically exploring in the Outdoor and Forest School Areas. The children will continue to develop their skills on the Interactive White Board and Learn Pads. We will be finding out about the Chinese New Year.



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- **Expressive Arts and Design** – The Children thoroughly enjoy singing and dancing, therefore we will incorporate this into as much of our learning as possible! We will also be creating some beautiful artwork related to our Project and the Chinese New Year celebrations.

ORDERING DINNER

The children will now order their dinner on the carpet during Registration Time rather than telling us on the door. This will further develop their communication and confidence skills alongside being in line with what the rest of the School do. Please have a discussion with your child each morning to prepare them for this. We do read the menu out again in class if they cannot remember.

HOME LEARNING

This Term see's the introduction of Home Learning to the Reception children. The children will be bringing home their own 'Home Learning Journal' which has a table of possible activities stuck into the front. Please only do one activity per week but feel free to post any further activities you do onto Tapestry for us to see. All Home Learning Journals must be handed in on a Monday for the children to share their work with the Class.

TAPESTRY

As mentioned above, please feel free to send photos and videos to us on Tapestry of your child carrying out activities at home. Miss Clarke and I enjoy sending you bits but it's also a treat for us to see what has been going on at home 😊

JAM JARS

Each child will be creating a piece of artwork using a jam jar. Please can you send clean and clear jam jars to School as and when you have one? We will let you know when we have enough. Thankyou.

WELCOME

We welcome Mrs Beer to the Reception Team. Mrs Beer currently teaches in Year 1 every Tuesday afternoon and all day Friday. She will now also be teaching in Reception on a Thursday afternoon.

It will be another busy and exciting Term for the children to throw themselves into!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Bennett, Miss Clarke and Mrs Beer



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HOME LEARNING GRID

- Please choose 1 activity each week and tick it off or highlight it once you have completed it.
- Home Learning needs to be handed in each **Monday**.
- Evidence can be as simple as an annotated photograph or drawing.

Am I Dreaming?

Learning Opportunities

<p>I can use a knife and fork.</p>  <p><i>Extension: Cutting own food up.</i></p>	<p>I can read, write and order numbers to 15.</p> <p><i>Extension: To 20.</i></p>	<p>I can do my own zip up.</p>  <p><i>Extension: Helping somebody else to do their zip.</i></p>	<p>I can recognize and write my own name.</p> <p><i>Extension: Surname.</i></p>
<p>I can find out about what my Parents wanted to be when they grew up – Have they achieved it?</p>	<p>I can make a dream catcher.</p> 	<p>I can exercise with my family, e.g. family walk/swim/bike ride.</p>	<p>I can share something positive that has happened to me, e.g. learning to swim, becoming a big brother etc.</p> 