



## Kelvin Grove Primary School

### Reception Newsletter

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

#### Our first week in Reception

It has been an amazing first week in Reception. We've had such a wonderful time getting to know the children. We have been so impressed with how happily the children have come in each day and taken things in their stride. Thank you to everyone for making such an effort to ensure the children have become part of Kelvin Grove.

#### Important information

We will send a newsletter every two weeks. This will be filled with information and news about the children's learning and what to look out for over the next few weeks.

#### Dates coming up ...

**Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents** – This is an opportunity to discuss what your child will be learning in phonics and how you can support them at home with their reading.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 09.00 am**

**Parents evening** - will be in the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – More information to follow

#### Things your child will need each day:

- A red Kelvin Grove book bag
  - Their reading journal and reading book (when you are given one)
- A full change of clothes to stay in school (in a plastic bag with your child's name on)
  - A water bottle full of water with your child's name on (no juice, please)
- **Snacks**
  - We provide healthy fruit and vegetable snacks for your child. We also have milk daily. You do not need to provide extra snacks for your child. If you feel your child needs an additional snack please speak to your child's teacher. This should be a healthy snack and not cake, chocolate or biscuits.

#### Things to remember:

**We are a nut free school.** This includes pesto, chocolate spread and chocolate treat products. Please do not put these in your child's packed lunch.

#### P.E. Day/P.E. Kit:

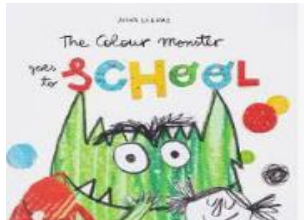
- Mr Djavitt will teach PE every **Thursday**. On Thursdays, children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit: a white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms or shorts, plimsolls or trainers without laces (unless they can do their laces up!)

#### 'We are unique'

This half term our topic 'We are unique' focuses on the children and what makes them special. We start by looking at ourselves, then our families, where we live and our local community. We will have lots of opportunities for the children talk about themselves and their families.

**It would be wonderful if you could share some family photos on your child's tapestry account. This can be of anyone who is special to your child, at a family event or even of when your child was born. We will use these photos in class to support your child's learning.**

### English learning last week

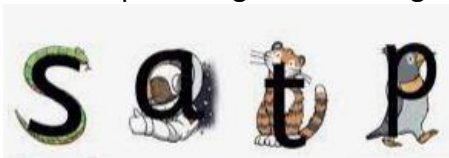


This week we have read a range of starting school stories including 'The colour monster goes to school'. We have discussed the different emotions we have felt starting a new school. We have enjoyed listening to each other's ideas and sharing our feelings.

### Phonics learning next week

We have had a great start in our first week of school. We have started to sit for small circle times with speaking and listening games, in preparation for phonic lessons, which start next week.

We have been playing lots of phonics games such as 'What can you see beginning with .....?', as well as practising oral blending.



### Maths learning this week



This week we have been exploring the children's knowledge of numbers. We have been counting orally and using resources to show our understanding of numbers.

We have been singing number songs and enjoying exploring our maths areas both inside and outside.

### Reading

We will be starting our reading practise sessions the week beginning **7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. This is where we start reading books that are linked to our phonics learning, in small groups. Your child will bring one of these books home **every Friday** in their book bag. It will be the book they have read in class with an adult.

**We will collect the books in on Wednesday** to change them for a new one to be given out again the following Friday.

More details will follow nearer the time.



**TAPESTRY**  
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

This week an activation email for Tapestry should have been sent to the primary email that you gave to the school. **You can download the Tapestry app for easy access.**

This is where you will be able to access photos, videos and updates on your child's learning in school.

It is a wonderful tool allowing us to share your child's experiences and development in school with you. As well as viewing and commenting on our posts, you are able to upload your own photos and videos of anything that you would like to share with us from outside school; perhaps some special home learning, an achievement or fun thing that your child got up to at the weekend.

Soon the children will be talking about people who are special to them in their family.

It would be lovely if you could upload a family photo to Tapestry for us to talk to the children about during lesson time.