



GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL including Sunny Ile Pre-School



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We have had a good start back to our new school year and it is lovely to welcome so many new families to our Greenfylde family.

This year, Greenfylde will have a focus on strengthening core skills with our pupils and especially in children having a basis in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Although this is already embedded for all pupils at Greenfylde we are always striving for areas to further improve and this year we want to place even more focus on these key skills for future learning and employment. Reading will involve encouraging our pupils to read for pleasure; in a digital age this can be forgotten so we will be reminding them of the wealth of stories and information that exist in books and events will include a Reading Week and activities linked to World Book Day and Roald Dahl day. Writing will be about using a breadth of language and vocabulary and we will be developing this through drama activities and creative writing. Finally in Mathematics, we are looking to help our children develop their reasoning skills so they are confident in explaining the application of their mathematical knowledge.

Alongside all these theme weeks which will include a range of visitors, children will still be learning across our curriculum and our emphasis on the Arts (Music, Art and Drama), Forest School and Sport will still be there on a weekly basis. We are committed to providing our pupils with a well-rounded holistic education that encourages not just independence, but also resilience and the ability to see the wonder of learning and finding things out.

We were also thrilled to come back to the news that we have again achieved a Gold School Sports Kite mark reflecting our commitment to providing engaging sports activities that encourage participation, enthusiasm for sport and promote well-being.

As in previous years our commitment to community participation remains and this term we look forward to:

- Children's Carnival where we will again have our own class thanks to the generosity of the Carnival Committee. We also hope to have small floats displayed around the town.
- As part of our Open Day we will spend one day teaching in the Market Square to share our teaching and learning with the community.
- Harvest Services in the Minster.
- The Guy Fawkes Competition with the Football Club
- Victorian Day and the later lantern parade
- Remembrance Day
- Shoe box collection and service
- Civic Carol Service
- Christmas Tree Festival at The Minster
- Finally we hope to be a part of the new Dillington Candle Light event

