



# Greenvale Primary School

## Reception 2023

### A Play Based Curriculum





Children *learn*  
as they  
*play.*

Most importantly,  
in play children

*learn*  
how to  
*learn.*

~ O. Fred Donaldson

We believe that children should not even realise they are learning as it should be fun and engaging, so we set out practical play-based activities daily.

We strive to use first hand experiences to enhance learning opportunities. E.g. bonfire in woodland, farm visit, visitors in school (where possible) – road safety in hall, making toast in snack area.





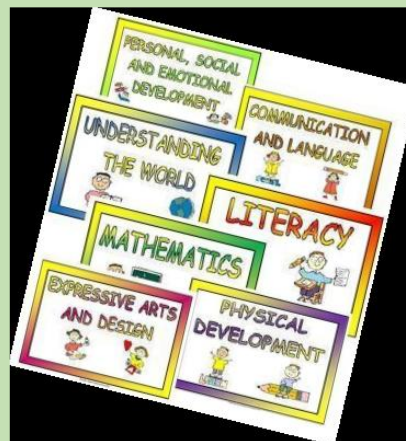
# AREAS OF LEARNING

## PRIME AREAS

- Communication and language
  - Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

## SPECIFIC AREAS

- Literacy
  - Maths
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



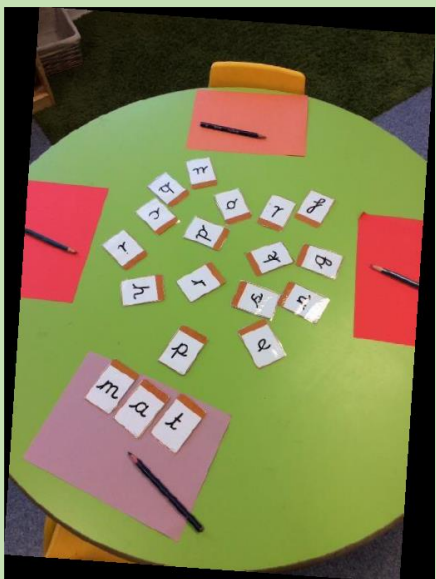
It's really important that we allow time to support children to develop their prime areas of learning before we begin to focus on their specific areas as these are the skills they need to access the curriculum.

For example, if they do not have the physical development to hold a pencil, they will not be able to write letters or words in Literacy.





# THE ENVIRONMENT



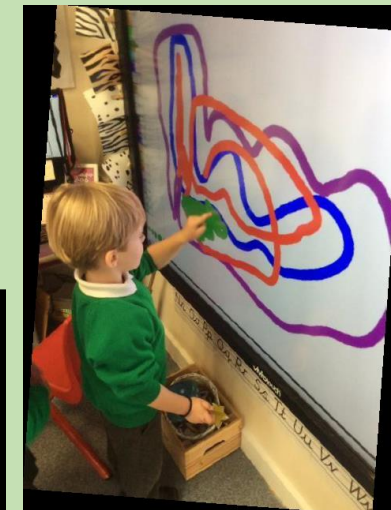
**We believe that children learn best when they feel happy and safe and we create an environment which allows that.**

**We plan opportunities that are practical and sensory that enhance well-being and involvement and this helps pupils access learning activities with greater confidence and perseverance. We take into account children's interests – setting up new and exciting activities on a daily basis that they want to take part in, adding to these as their interests change.**





# MAKING THE MOST OF THE CLASSROOM...



Our classroom is set up to allow us to develop different skills. We always have messy play, water or sand, construction, maths, mark-making and writing, small world and craft available for children to access. This means children are exposed to a wide range of open-ended resources that encourage them to try new things, use their imagination and take control of their learning.





# ...AND THE OUTDOORS!



We are lucky to have access to lots of outdoor space! We have free flow set up in Reception which allows the children to decide whether they want to learn inside or outside during child-initiated time.





# PE



**PE for Bat Class will be on a Monday. Children will need to come into school dressed in their PE kit – black PE shorts and a white t-shirt.**

**PE will include:**

- **Balance bikes – improve their core strength.**
- **Ball skills – improve their co-ordination and gross motor skills.**
- **Parachute games – improve their listening skills and following instructions**





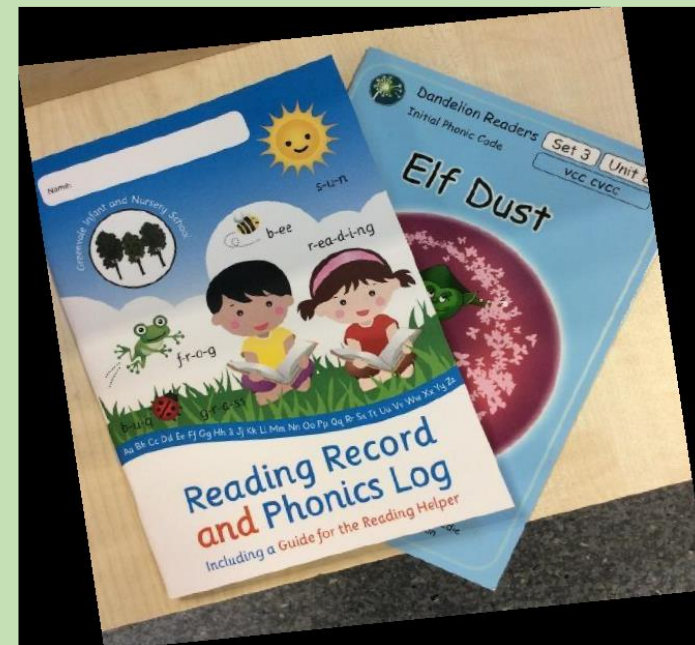
# WE VALUE YOUR SUPPORT AND INPUT

Reading books will be given out once we start Sounds Write –  
Phonic reading scheme.

Reading books will be **changed once a week on a Friday** and  
will link with the sounds we have been learning.

Reading with your child **every night** will help them to learn the  
sounds and read the words.

There will also be **home learning activities** each term which will  
be practical activities to do together. Photos can be sent to the  
Bat Class email address





**Morning – doors open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am so we can complete the Register for 8.45am.**

- **End of the day – doors open at 3:15pm.**
- **We go outside in all weathers – please pack a spare change of clothes and underwear.**
- **Ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.**
- **Ensure all bags/lunch boxes and water bottles are labelled with your child's name.**
- **If you have any questions feel free to ask or come and see us at the beginning/end of the day on the door.**





# Extra Information

- Attendance – children will miss so much learning if they have time off unnecessarily.
- Sickness – 48 hours from the last time your child was sick or had an upset tummy
- Please phone the office or email if your child is not well as this is part of us safeguarding children
- Emails and website – please check as we are a paperless school
- Breakfast club – permission slip is in your pack, cost is £1 for Pupil premium and £2 for all other children per day
- Cash-less school – from September the school will be cash-less further details to follow

