

Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Puffins Class!

Our focus this term is seasons and the weather. We will be exploring the changes in seasons through sensory play activities, walks in our community, group sensory stories and creating lots of artwork using different materials. We will be reading *The Gruffalo* and *The Gruffalo's Child*.

This term we have Swimming every Tuesday morning. Please send your child in with a swimming kit, equipped with swimming costume/ trunks, swim pads (if required) and a towel. We also have Shadow Dance with Lucy this term where we will be learning to move with purpose.

I have attached a back to school checklist.

If you have a question, query or would like a chat please get in touch via:

home/ school diary,

Email puffins@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk

or call school on 0161 359 5322.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Puffins team,

Molly, Lisa, Nicola, Maira and Laura.

Checklist












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Here is a little checklist that covers everything your child will need for school this term.

Thank you
Puffins

• Useful things to know and pack for school:

- Please provide two full changes of spare clothes 
- (underwear and uniform for any accidents. Spare clothes will remain at school. When we send dirty clothes home please replace these as soon as you can)
- Outdoor clothes and extra socks 
- (We go outside to play in all weathers we also go to the Forest once a week. If your child likes to take their shoes and socks off please send lots of spare socks!)
- Wellies 
- (we need these for the Forest and wet play days)
- Sun hat, sun cream and/or sun glasses 
- (we will need these to encourage and support the children to play safely in the sun)
- Class fund (50p a week or £5 a term) 
- (a contribution of 50p a week is gratefully received but not compulsory. We use this for purchasing cooking ingredients, foods for snack and paying for special treats for the children)
- Diary 
- (we provide a diary. We aim to write in the children's Diaries each day with a little message to say what they have learned and to send reminders about the following day so please reply to us too)
- Packed lunch and water bottles 
- (if your child is on packed lunches, we have a **nut_free** policy at Ashgate School so no nuts as snack or nut spreads on sandwiches. Please send in a suitable water bottle for your child which we will keep in class)
- Pads (nappies) 
- (we aim to start toilet training with all children as the year progresses. Please send in a weekly supply of pads for us to use with your child - we will write in the diary when we require more)
- Emails – puffins@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk
- (if you need to get hold of anyone in the team, please use the class email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.)
- Swimming kit 
- (a bag containing trunks or a swimming costume, swim pads (nappies) and a towel)