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Dear Parents,

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term 1

Welcome to a new term at Grange Primary School. We have lots of exciting learning ready for your children this term! Nursery and Reception will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Under the Sea'.

During this unit we will focus on:

<p>Our class reading books this term will be –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tiddler• A House for Hermit Crab• The Snail and the Whale• Mister Seahorse• Commotion in the ocean• Rainbow Fish• Fidgety Fish• Hooray for Fish	
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy –</p>	<p>Maths –</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning poems• Identifying words that rhyme.• Creating own rhymes• Writing labels and captions for pictures• Writing and sending seaside postcards• Create a non-fiction book detailing learning <p>In phonics the Nursery children will be learning set one sounds and the reception children will be learning to blend and segment words and use knowledge of sounds within their writing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measuring capacity using buckets• Estimating creatures (in a rock pool or ocean scene)• Addition and subtraction (fishing for sea creatures) <p>We will begin to introduce the children to numbers to 20 in Reception and to 10 in nursery. Counting with 1:1 correspondence and recognising numerals.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design -</p>	<p>Understanding the World -</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawing beach and sea creature pictures• Making masks• Making shark teeth from salt dough• Painting pebbles• Listen to whale music• Our role play area will be a boat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning about floating and sinking.• Exploring ice.• Using the computers to develop mouse skills.• Identifying water proof materials• Making and cooking fish cakes.

Physical	Personal, Social and Emotional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving bodies and performing actions to become various sea creatures (swimming, floating, moving backwards, scuttling sideways, darting around, and gliding slowly). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning to resolve arguments appropriately. Working as a team. Sharing ideas and opinions.

Important Information – PE days, Educational Visits, Homework Learning Task

PE – Reception class only

As Reception are currently taking part in football coaching on a Monday we will not be having our Wednesday PE lesson this term.

Homework Learning Tasks

The Home Learning task is to create an underwater scenery picture. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any ideas. Please return completed tasks to school by Monday 6th February.

Phonic and Mathematic tasks will be sent home every Monday.

Reception class children will also have a reading book sent home weekly.

Parental Involvement

Stay and Play sessions will continue to run every Wednesday.

Toddler group will continue to run on a Thursday 9:00am – 10:30am.

Reception parents please remember to work with your child at home to learn their step one words which will help them to move up the word ladder.

Remember to look at our Next Steps board so you can work alongside us to help your child achieve their targets.

Educational Visit

We are hoping to arrange a trip to Southend on Sea to support our topic Under the Sea. This has not yet been confirmed so more details will follow shortly if we are able to finalize the trip.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Many thanks
The EYFS Team