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for lifelong learning*

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Dear Parents,

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term 2

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 'Flowers and Plants.'

During this unit we will focus on:

<p>Our class reading books this term will be –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasper's Beanstalk • Sam's Sunflower • The enormous Turnip • Oliver's Vegetables <p>We will also be reading a variety of non-fiction texts to help us explore more about plants and flowers.</p>	
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p>	<p>Maths</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing listening games. • Identifying words that rhyme. • Learning to describe what is seen. • Writing labels and captions for pictures • Learning that we can write for a variety of different purposes. • Reading and gaining information from non-fiction books. <p>In phonics the Nursery children will continue to learn 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"> • Learning to name and describe 2D shapes. • Counting in 5's and 10's • Adding and subtracting petals from flowers. • Continuing to develop knowledge of number. • Sharing equal quantities. • Counting with 1:1 correspondence. • Learning to use positional words. • Learning comparative language e.g. full/empty Heavy/light.
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p>Understanding the World</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observational drawing of plants and flowers. • Designing gardens. • Making 3D plants from a range of materials. • Printing with leaves. • Acting out stories from books. • Our role play areas will be a Fairy Garden, a florist and a home setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about how plants and flowers grow. • Exploring how to keep healthy. • Using the computers to design and make pictures • Learning about food and other objects that decay. • Making Pancakes.
<p>Physical</p>	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our sessions with the football coaches will continue. • Children will be developing their ball skills. • Moving their bodies to mimic a growing flower. 	<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 take photographs of plants and flowers, please print the photographs if you are able to. If you think you will have difficulty completing this task with your child please speak to a member of the team. Please return completed tasks to school by Monday 27th March.
- Literacy 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.
- Reception parents please remember to work with your child at home to learn their ladder 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

The children will be visiting Kirkhams Florist on Hermit Road (Next to the cemetery). The visits will take place the week beginning 20th February 2017.

By the end of the unit, it is hoped that your child would have achieved all of their learning targets. If you have any comments or questions about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks
The EYFS Team