



*Growing the seeds  
for lifelong learning*

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**Reception Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 1**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back 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 'Pirates'.

During this unit we will focus on:

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| Our class reading books this term will be –   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pirates Love Underpants</li> <li>• Pirate Bob</li> <li>• A New Home For A Pirate</li> </ul>  |   |
| Communication, Language and Literacy  | Maths   |
| <p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To listen to stories and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions.</li> <li>• To listen to peers and respond appropriately to their needs.</li> <li>• To handle books carefully and look at them independently.</li> <li>• To segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.</li> <li>• To read words and simple sentences.</li> <li>• To use their phonic knowledge to write words which match their spoken sounds.</li> </ul> | <p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To use everyday language related to money.</li> <li>• To use everyday language related to time and measure short periods of time in simple ways.</li> <li>• To count confidently up to 10</li> <li>• To start counting beyond 20.</li> <li>• To count in 2s up to 10.</li> <li>• Find one more than a given number.</li> <li>• Find one less than a given number.</li> </ul> |
| Expressive Arts and Design  | Understanding the World   |
| <p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To experiment to create different textures.</li> <li>• To combine different media to create new effects.</li> <li>• To manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect.</li> <li>• To construct with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources.</li> </ul>  | <p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recognise and describe special times or events for family or friends.</li> <li>• To be aware of things that make them unique.</li> <li>• To talk about why things happen and how things work.</li> <li>• Information can be retrieved from the computer.</li> <li>• To use ICT hardware to interact with age-appropriate computer software.</li> </ul>                    |
| Physical  | Personal, Social and Emotional  |
| <p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To show increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it.</li> <li>• To handle tools, object, construction and malleable materials safely and with control.</li> <li>• To begin to form recognisable letters.</li> <li>• To use a pencil and hold it effectively to form recognisable letters.</li> </ul>   | <p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To take steps to resolve conflicts with other children(e.g. finding a compromise).</li> <li>• To confidently speak to others about own needs, wants interests and opinions.</li> <li>• To confidently try new activities and say why they like some activities more than others.</li> </ul>  |

Important Information – PE days, Homework Learning Task

PE

The children will continue with football coaching on a Monday.

Homework Learning Tasks

English and maths homework will be sent home every Tuesday and needs to be returned on Mondays.

Please let the children do this, their best attempt is better than parents completing it for them.

The children will also have a reading book sent home weekly that is changed every Tuesday.

Parental Involvement

Stay and Play sessions will continue to run every Wednesday from 9.00 until 9.30.

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

During stay and play why not look through your child's achievement book and add any WOW moments from home.

Dress up day

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 it would be great if all of the children could come dressed as pirates, we will be going on treasure hunts, drawing maps and having a 'pirate' day.

Reminders

Please ensure that now the weather is changing the children bring a warm coat to school, along with hats and gloves on colder days. Please also label all clothing.

We would still like to provide the children with a snack table; providing bread, crackers, butter etc. daily. We are unable to do this without your help, so please continue to bring in your 50p contribution each week. If more children do not start contributing we will have to reconsider this, as only 3 or 4 parents bring this regularly.

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 learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,  
The Reception Team