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for lifelong learning*

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Dear Parents,

**Reception Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Summer Term 1**

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 'Animals'.

During this unit we will focus on:

- What the ladybird heard
- Over in the jungle
- The three little wolves and the big bad pig

We will also be reading a variety of non-fiction texts to help us explore more about animals.

Communication, Language and Literacy	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To listen with great attention in a range of situations.</li> <li>• To listen to stories and anticipate key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments and questions.</li> <li>• To read and understand simple sentences.</li> <li>• To explore a wide range of books focusing on non-fiction texts.</li> <li>• To begin to break the flow of speech into words.</li> <li>• To use their phonic knowledge to write simple sentences.</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To sing simple songs from memory.</li> <li>• To observe and make changes in sounds using musical instruments.</li> <li>• To instruments to create sounds.</li> <li>• To reflect the mood of the music.</li> </ul>
Maths	Understanding the World
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To count to 20.</li> <li>• To count in 2s, 5s and 10s.</li> <li>• To find 1 more and 1 less.</li> <li>• To add numbers up to 10.</li> <li>• To take away numbers up to 10.</li> <li>• To double numbers p to 5.</li> <li>• To solve problems including halving and sharing.</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To talk about past and present events in their own lives.</li> <li>• To talk about the features of environments and how they might vary from one another.</li> <li>• To make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.</li> </ul>
Physical	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To talk about ways to keep healthy and safe.</li> <li>• To handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To try out new activities and say why they like some more than others.</li> <li>• To talk about own and other's feelings and behaviour and their consequences.</li> <li>• To play in a small group taking turns with 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, Reading (book and record) 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 library book sent home weekly that is changed every Wednesday. Please encourage your child to take great care of it. There will be a fee for lost or damaged books.

Parental Involvement

As much as the children have enjoyed your presence and interaction during “Stay and Play” sessions, sadly they will no longer run. In readiness for Year 1, Reception children will attend 2 Assemblies per week, every Wednesday and Friday, 9-9.30 am.

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.

Outing

On Thursday 26th April 2018, during the afternoon we will be visiting Newham City farm to support the learning we are doing on animals. A separate letter will be given out with more details.

Reminders

Please ensure that as the weather warms up the children are coming to school with sun cream applied in the morning and bring a hat with them. 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. The number of children bringing in the snack money is improving, with 50% of them bringing this; however the majority of the class are enjoying these snacks, so it would be good if everyone contributed where possible.

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