



**Growing the seeds  
for lifelong learning**

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Dear Parents,

**Reception Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 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 'Bears'.

During this half term, we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- Can't you sleep little bear?
- Peace at last
- This is the bear and the scary night

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

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 anticipate key events in stories</li> <li>• To answer “how” and “why” questions</li> <li>• To use “and” to link ideas in writing</li> <li>• To label pictures</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To use varied construction materials</li> <li>• To engage in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences</li> <li>• To explore and learn how sounds can be changed</li> <li>• To make up rhymes</li> </ul>
Maths –	Understanding the World -
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To count in tens</li> <li>• To explore and compare lengths and heights</li> <li>• To find the total number of two groups by adding them</li> <li>• To represent numbers in different ways</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To show an interest, concern and care for living things and the environment</li> <li>• To talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants and animals.</li> <li>• To develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time</li> </ul>
Physical	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To jump off an object and land appropriately</li> <li>• To travel with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment</li> <li>• To use simple tools to effect changes to materials</li> <li>• To form recognisable letters</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To show confidence in asking adults for help.</li> <li>• To demonstrate friendly behaviour and forming good relationships with peers and adults</li> <li>• To begin to be able to negotiate and solve problems without aggression, e.g. when someone has taken their toy</li> </ul>

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

PE

The children will continue with football coaching on a Monday.

Homework Learning Tasks

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

The children will also have a reading book and library book sent home weekly, please continue to write comments in the reading records. Books need to be returned on Mondays, to give the children the opportunity to change them weekly please.

Parental Involvement

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

Remember to look at our 'Targets' 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.

Educational Visits

The children will be visiting a pantomime this half term.

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 **label all clothing**. Also, please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle with them every day. We would still like to provide the child 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.

By the end of the unit, it is hoped that your child will 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