



**Growing the seeds  
for lifelong learning**

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Dear Parents,

**Reception 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 'Dinosaurs'.

During this half term, we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- Knock, knock dinosaur
- If you meet a dinosaur
- The dinosaur who lost his roar

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

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 to stories and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions</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> <li>• To use high frequency words in simple sentences</li> </ul>	<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 select appropriate resources and adapt work where necessary</li> <li>• To manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect</li> <li>• To initiate new combinations of movement and gesture in order to express and respond to feelings, ideas and experiences</li> </ul>
Maths –	Understanding the World -
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To estimate how many objects they can see and check by counting them</li> <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 use mathematical names for 3D shapes and mathematical terms to describe them</li> <li>• Find one less than a given number</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>• To understand that 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

The children will be learning the following:

- To show increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it
- To use simple tools to effect changes to materials
- To handle tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with control
- To begin to form recognisable letters
- To use a pencil and hold it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed

The children will be learning the following:

- To confidently speak to others about own needs, wants interests and opinions
- To describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities
- To confidently try new activities and say why they like some activities more than others
- To begin to be able to negotiate and solve problems without aggression
- To take steps to resolve conflicts with other children (e.g. finding a compromise)

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

We are hoping to have a Science dome visit to explore our dinosaur unit.

Reminders

Please ensure that 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