



**Growing the seeds
for lifelong learning**

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Nursery Curriculum Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

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 unit we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- The Dinosaur
- Harry And The Dinosaurs Go To School
- Crunch Munch Dinosaur Lunch

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"> *to join in with repeated refrains *to understand more complex sentences *to learn new words and use them in communicating *to use a variety of questions *to use simple sentences *to enjoy favourite stories, rhymes, songs or poems *to listen to and join in with stories *to show interest in illustrations and print in books *to repeat words or phrases from familiar stories *to distinguish between different marks they make *sometimes to give meaning to marks as they draw and paint 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to join in singing favourite songs *to show an interest in the way musical instruments sound *to experiment with blocks, colours and marks *to sing a few familiar songs *to begin to make-believe by pretending *to use representation to communicate e.g. drawing a line and saying 'That's me' *to create movement in response to music *to build stories around toys
Maths	Understanding the World
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to recite some number names in sequence *to recite numbers in order to 10 *to begin representing numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures *to separate a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same *to realise not only objects, but anything can be counted, including steps, claps and jumps *to begin categorizing objects according to properties such as shape or size *to notice simple shapes and patterns in pictures 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to imitate everyday actions and events from own family *to enjoy playing with small world models *to talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects *to ask questions about their familiar world *to operate mechanical and technological toys
Physical	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to turn pages in a book, sometimes several at once *to show control in holding and using jugs to pour, books and mark-making tools *to imitate drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines *to begin to recognise danger and seek support of significant adults for help *to clearly communicate their need for toilet *to tell an adult when hungry or tired, or when they want to rest or play 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to show affection and concern for people who are special to them *to form a special relationship with another child *to play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas *to express own preferences and interests *to select and use activities with help *to enjoy responsibility of carrying out small tasks *to express own feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared, worries *to be aware that some actions can hurt or harm others

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

PE

The children will continue with football coaching on a Monday.

Homework Learning Tasks

Pencil control and maths homework will be sent home every Tuesday and needs to return on Mondays.

The children will also have a reading book sent home weekly.

Parental Involvement

Stay and Play sessions will continue to run every Wednesday from 8.30 until 9.00.

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.

Educational Visit

The children will not be going out on any visits 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 also label all clothing.**

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 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 Nursery Team