



*Growing the seeds
for lifelong learning*

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Dear Parents,

Reception Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 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 'The Great Outdoors'.

During this half term, we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- A Seed in Need
- The very hungry caterpillar
- Oliver's vegetables

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

Communication, Language and Literacy –	Maths –
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To listen attentively in a range of situations • To follow instructions involving several ideas or actions • To express his/herself effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs • To use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately • To use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways, which match their spoken sounds 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make 10 (Number bonds) • To double numbers to 20 • To halve numbers to 20 • To investigate sharing • To use everyday language relating to time
Expressive Arts and Design -	Understanding the World -
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques • To experiment with colour, design, texture, form and function • To use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes • To represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology • To represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through art 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To match observations of plants • To make observations of animals • To talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments may vary from one another • To talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members • To recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools

Physical	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show good control and co-operation in large and small movements • To move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space • To hold a pencil effectively for writing • To know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet • To talk about how to keep healthy and safe 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To confidently speak about their ideas within a familiar group • To talk about how they and others show feelings • To confidently try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others • To play cooperatively, taking turns with others • To take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity

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 will be visiting the local florist to look at different plants and flowers and to buy some for our class. We will also be visiting the local park to compare environments.

Reminders

Please ensure that the children bring a coat to school, even if it does appear to be a warm day. 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