



*Growing the seeds  
for lifelong learning*

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**Nursery Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 2**

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 'The Great Outdoor'.

During this unit we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- Shark in the Park
- The Very Lazy Ladybird
- Sam Plants a Sunflower

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 recognise and respond to many familiar sounds.</li> <li>*to follow directions.</li> <li>*to understand the use of objects.</li> <li>*to use simple sentences.</li> <li>*to build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.</li> <li>*to ascribe meaning to marks they make or see in different places.</li> <li>*to handle books carefully.</li> <li>*to listen to stories with increasing attention and recall.</li> <li>*to recognise familiar words and signs such as own name.</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*to show an interest in the way musical instruments sound.</li> <li>*to enjoy joining in with dancing and ring games.</li> <li>*to imitate movement in response to music.</li> <li>*to begin to be interested in and describe the texture of things.</li> <li>*to observe and spontaneously imitate adults' actions.</li> <li>*to engage in imaginative role-play based on first-hand experiences.</li> </ul>
Maths	Understanding the World
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*know that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away.</li> <li>*know that numbers identify how many objects are in a set.</li> <li>*to compare two groups of objects, saying when they have the same number.</li> <li>*to show an interest in shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects.</li> <li>*to show interest in shape by sustaining construction activity or by talking about shapes or arrangements.</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*to imitate everyday actions and events from own family.</li> <li>*to enjoy playing with small world models.</li> <li>*to talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.</li> <li>*to ask questions about their familiar world.</li> <li>*to operate mechanical and technological toys.</li> </ul>
Physical	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*to begin to use three fingers to hold writing tools.</li> <li>*to imitates drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines.</li> <li>*to move freely and with pleasure and confidence in a range of ways.</li> <li>*to run skilfully and negotiate space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles.</li> <li>*to copy some letters (from their names).</li> </ul>	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*to show affection and concern for people who are special to them.</li> <li>*to form a special relationship with another child.</li> <li>*to play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas.</li> <li>*to express own preferences and interests.</li> <li>*to select and use activities with help.</li> <li>*to enjoy responsibility of carrying out small tasks.</li> <li>*to express own feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared, worries.</li> <li>*to be aware that some actions can hurt or harm others.</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

Pencil control/Phonics 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