



**Growing the seeds
for lifelong learning**

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Nursery Curriculum Newsletter
Summer Term 1

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 'Under the Sea'.

During this unit we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- Hooray for Fish
- Fidgety Fish

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

Communication, Language and Literacy	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to focus attention- still listen or do, but can shift own attention *to follow directions *to understand <i>who, what, where</i> in simple questions *to show understanding of prepositions such as <i>under, on top, behind</i> by carrying out an action or selecting the correct picture *to use language as a powerful means of sharing feeling, experiences and thoughts *to hold a conversation, jumping from topic to topic *to begin using more complex sentences to link thoughts *to handle books carefully, holds them the correct way and turns pages *to begin to be aware the way stories are structured *to give meaning to marks as they draw or paint *to ascribe meaning to marks that they see in different places 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to initiate play, offering cues to peers to join them *to demonstrate friendly behaviour, initiating conversation and forming good relationship with peers and familiar adults *to be more outgoing towards unfamiliar people and more confident in new social situations *to be confident to talk to other children when playing, and communicate freely about own home and community *to show understanding and to cooperate with some boundaries and routines *to inhibit own actions and behaviours (stop themselves from doing something they shouldn't do)
Maths	Understanding the World
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to show curiosity about numbers by offering comments and asking questions *to show interest in number problems *to show interest in representing numbers *to show interest and awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment *to use shapes appropriately for tasks and begin to talk about shapes of everyday objects: round, tall, thin, etc. 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to begin to have their own friends *to show interest in different occupations and ways of life *to talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects *to develop and understanding of growth, decay and changes over time *to know how to operate simple equipment *to show interest in technological toys with knobs and pulleys or real objects such as cameras or mobile phones
Physical	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to stand momentarily on one foot when shown *to catch and throw a large ball *to experiment with different ways of moving *to jump off an object and land appropriately *to understand that equipment and tools have to be used safely *to manage washing and drying hands *to dress with help 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *to tap out simple rhythms *to use lines to enclose space and begin to use shapes to represent objects *to develop preference for forms of expression *to engage in imaginative role-play based on own first hand experience

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

This half term, Nursery and Reception will go on a trip to Southend to visit the Sea Life Centre and explore the beach. This is to offer a meaningful, interesting and exciting hook for this term's topic 'Under the Sea'. The trip will take place on **Friday, 26th April 2019**. The day will start as usual, at **8.30 am**, when we will get ready and leave at 9.00 am by coach. We aim to return by 3.15 pm. Parents are asked to join their children in their adventure and siblings are welcome to participate. Please ensure a packed lunch, as well as sensible clothing.

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