



**Growing the seeds
for lifelong learning**

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Dear Parents,

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term 1

Happy New Year and welcome back 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 'Pirates'.

During this unit we will focus on:

<p>Our class reading books this term will be –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pirate Pete • How to be a pirate • The night pirates <p>We will also be reading a variety of non-fiction texts to help us explore more about the characters in traditional tales.</p>	
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p>	<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To listen to stories with increasing attention and recall • To know information can be relayed in the form of print • To show understanding of prepositions such as <i>'under', 'on top', 'behind'</i> by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture • To hear and says the initial sound in words 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise tools can be used for a purpose • To engage in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences • To begin to be interested in and describe the texture of things • To use available resources to create props to support role-play
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Understanding the World</p>
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To compare two groups of objects, saying when they have the same number • To separate a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same • To show interest in shapes in the environment • To begin to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe shapes 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show interest in the lives of people familiar to them • To recognise and describe special times and events for family or friends • To show care and concern for living things and the environment • To know that information can be retrieved from computers

Physical	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be independent in self-care, e.g. toileting, dressing • To observe the effects of activity on their body • To copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name • To show understanding of how to transport and store equipment safely 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be more outgoing towards unfamiliar people and more confident in new social situations • To demonstrate friendly behaviour, initiating conversations and forming good relationships with peers and familiar adults • To adapt behaviour to different events, social situations and changes in routine enjoy the responsibility of carrying of small tasks • To show understanding and cooperate with some boundaries and routines

Important Information – PE days, 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 be returned on Mondays. Please let the children do this, their best attempt is better than parents completing it for them. The children will also have a library book sent home weekly that is changed every Wednesday.

Parental Involvement

Stay and Play sessions will continue to run every Wednesday from 8.30 until 9.00. Please come and support your child in their learning and join in our fun activities. 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.

Dress up day

On Thursday 7th February 2020 it would be great if all of the children could come dressed as pirates. We will be going on treasure hunts, drawing maps and having a 'pirate' day.

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 children 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. If more children do not start contributing we will have to reconsider this, as only 3 or 4 parents bring this regularly.

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