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for lifelong learning**

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Dear Parents,

Reception Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 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 'Dinosaurs'.

During this half term, we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- Knock, knock dinosaur
- If you meet a dinosaur
- The dinosaur who lost his roar

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

Communication, Language and Literacy –

The children will be learning the following:

- To listen to stories and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions.
- To listen to peers and respond appropriately to their needs.
- To handle books carefully and look at them independently.
- To segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.
- To use their phonic knowledge to write words which match their spoken sounds.

Expressive Arts and Design -

The children will be learning the following:

- To experiment to create different textures
- To combine different media to create new effects
- To select appropriate resources and adapt work where necessary
- To manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect
- To initiate new combinations of movement and gesture in order to express and respond to feelings, ideas and experiences

Maths –

The children will be learning the following:

- To count in tens
- To explore and compare lengths and heights
- To explore and compare weights
- To explore positional language
- To find the total number of two groups by adding them
- To represent numbers in different ways

Understanding the World -

The children will be learning the following:

- To recognise and describe special times or events for family or friends
- To be aware of things that make them unique.
- To talk about why things happen and how things work
- To understand that information can be retrieved from the computer
- To use ICT hardware to interact with age-appropriate computer software

Physical	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it • To use simple tools to effect changes to materials • To handle tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with control • To begin to form recognisable letters • To use a pencil and hold it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To confidently speak to others about own needs, wants interests and opinions • To describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities • To confidently try new activities and say why they like some activities more than others • To begin to be able to negotiate and solve problems without aggression • To take steps to resolve conflicts with other children (e.g. finding a compromise)

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

PE

PE will continue during our daily activities, football sessions with Coach Frank will hopefully resume soon. No PE kit is needed.

Homework Learning Tasks

Phonics and maths home learning will be sent home every Tuesday and needs to be returned on Mondays. It is important that children read daily, please use the Bug club log in details to access books with your child. A holiday project to support the following half terms theme will be given out to be completed over the half term holidays. Please support your child in completing this to enable them to receive a sticker and certificate.

Parental Involvement

Stay and Play sessions will not take place at present, once we can have parents in the building we will inform of our first session.

Parents Evening

Due to the pandemic we are unable to hold face to face parents meeting this term, however these will be via zoom during the week beginning Monday 9th November 2020. You will shortly receive your appointment times, please join the meeting so we can discuss how your child has settled in and to find out what they have been learning.

Educational Visit

There is no educational visit planned for this half term, however we plan to attend an online Jack and the beanstalk pantomime in December.

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**. Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle with them every day.

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