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Nursery Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 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 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Space and Superheroes'.

During this half term, we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- Aliens love underpants
- Super Daisy and the peril of planet pea
- Supertato

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

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To know about and talk about celebrations at home. *To be able to listen to and answer questions about stories based around celebrations such as Diwali, Christmas, Hanukah. *To be able to talk about the different ways people celebrate. *To know new vocabulary in relation to different celebrations. *To be able to answer questions to show understanding and recall of specific vocabulary. *To be able to use talk in play. 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To be able to learn the daily routines and classroom rules. *To know how rules help them to keep them to be happy and safe at school. *To know the behavioural expectations at school. *To be able to show increasing confidence to talk to adults and peers in class. *To be able to show an awareness of right and wrong. *To be able to form a special friendship and know how to be a kind friend.
Maths	Understanding the World
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To order numbers. *To know number bonds to 5. *To double numbers. *To know number bonds to 10. *To subtract. *To share equally. 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To know that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. *To be able to talk about some of the different ways people celebrate. *To know about different celebrations that arise in Autumn such as Christmas, Harvest, Diwali and Hannukah. *To change materials by mixing and combining when cooking treats for different celebrations. *To know that ice melts in the sun and to be able to talk about changes to the weather in the winter and how it feels.
Physical	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To know how to use high apparatus safely. *To be able to experiment with wide range of equipment learning some degree of control. *To independently put on coats with some support for zips and buttons. *To use one handed tools and equipment. *To be able to take care of toileting needs and wash hands afterwards. 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To know and join in with dancing and ring games. *To be able to respond to sound with body movement. *To begin to know, name and use percussion instruments e.g., drums, woodblocks, triangles, bells. *To be able to perform songs and actions in concert. *To know colours and explore how colours can be changed. *To be interested in and able to describe the texture of things.

*To be able to develop Pre-Writing skills through mark making (spontaneous scribbles, vertical, horizontal lines and circles)	
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Literacy

The children will be learning the following:

- *To be able to begin to develop phonological awareness.
- *To begin to be able to recognise name.
- *To be able to engage in extended conversations about stories.
- *To be able to begin to make marks independently.
- *To be able to begin to imitate writing in play shopping lists, parking tickets.
- *To be able to draw information from pictures in books and talk about what they see.

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

PE
The children will continue with football coaching with our school sports lead weekly.

Home 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, as well as loaning a book from the school library.

Nursery rhymes/songs

It is really important at this young age that the children are exposed to lots of language and singing can help with this. We will send home a Nursery rhyme/song sheet based on the terms theme, we will practise these songs in Nursery and ask that you also practise at home. At the end of each half term, we will perform these songs as a class, to our Parent//Carers, either virtually or outdoors.

Educational Visit

We will not be visiting anywhere this half term; however, we will be having a 'Superhero' morning. On Thursday 18th November all children should come to school wearing a superhero costume or cape, these can be shop bought or made. Capes can be easily made from an old t-shirt, watch the YouTube clip to show you how: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEPQPGr2tQQ>
During the morning the children will be taking part in a space workshop with our visiting drama group.

Reminders

Please ensure that the children are wearing suitable footwear and are not wearing their 'best' clothes, as Nursery activities can be messy. **Please also label all clothing and bring a spare set of clothing daily.**

As the weather is changing, please ensure that the children have a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves as we go outside daily.

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,
Mrs Collins and Miss Bano.