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Dear Parents,

Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 1

Welcome to a new term at Grange Primary School. We have lots of exciting learning ready for your children this term! Holly class will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses 'Off with their Heads!' King Henry VIII and his Wives.

Our core literacy text is The Lost Happy Endings and a film unit – The Shirt Machine.

Our class-reading book of the half term is a collection of short stories

English –	Maths – Fractions, decimals, measure and geometry
<p>This half term, we will be looking at the story 'The Lost Happy Endings' and a film unit from Literacy Shed – 'The Shirt Machine'.</p> <p>The children will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and write a setting description before publishing. • Explore the features of a letter and plan their writing before editing and publishing. • Explore the features of narrative writing before planning and drafting their own using a range of ambitious vocabulary. • Explore the features of a non-chronological report before planning one themselves • Look at the features of persuasive writing before creating a persuasive poster. <p><u>Grammar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using adjectives • Simple past tense • Use of the commas after or before phrases for subordinate clauses • Cause and effect conjunctions • Passive voice <p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consolidate knowledge of phonics to read unfamiliar words. • To read daily to improve fluency • To make predictions • To summarise the key points in a text. • To use a dictionary & context to explore meaning of words. • To make inferences using evidence from the text to justify their point of view. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting in tenths. • Adding and subtracting fractions • Finding equivalent fractions. • Finding the simplest fractions. • Comparing fractions. • Sharing one and solving fraction word problems. • Measure, compare, add and subtract lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l, ml). • Reading weighing scales (mass) and mass word problems. • Reading and writing time; hours, minutes, seconds and days. • Recognising 2D and 3D shapes and their properties • Recognising angles and a description of a turn, (half turn, three quarter turn. • Identifying right angles including right angles

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predict what might happen from details stated or implied. 	
Science – Rocks and Soils	Computing – We are Bug Fixers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To answer questions on diet by extracting data from a food survey and displaying it in tables and bar charts To understand the 5 food groups and the proportions of each needed to create a healthy, balanced diet To know that a skeleton is needed for support, protection and movement To investigate whether people who do more sport have stronger muscles To plan and carry out an investigation in groups to answer a specific given question To assess knowledge and understanding of the Year 3 Animals Including Humans content taught in this unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand different measurement techniques for weather, both analogue and digital. Use computer-based data logging to automate the recording of some of the weather data. Use spreadsheets to create charts Analyse data, explore inconsistencies in data and make predictions <p>Practise using presentation software such as power point.</p>
RE – Why is the Bible special	PSHE – Celebrating differences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How and why do Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah? Why and how do Jews celebrate Sukkot? What do many Jews do each day to express their beliefs? What does the Torah mean for Jewish people? How do Jews express beliefs in a Synagogue? How can we create a piece of Christian art? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being fit and healthy (2 lessons) What do I know about drugs? Being safe. Being safe at home. My amazing body. Chose to follow the learning charter.
Topic – Off with their Heads	Art/DT
<p>History, we will be learning all about the Henry V111 and his wives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To find out what deserts are and where they are located in the world. To investigate the weather and climate of deserts. To find out about desert formations To find out how deserts are used by humans To find out about people who live in deserts To find out about the causes and effects of desertification. 	<p>In Art, we will learning about portraits and proportion using range of materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn that food can be divided into different groups and that sandwiches can form part of a healthy diet. To taste a variety of different breads and sandwiches and examine flavours and textures. To design and plan a sandwich for a particular purpose. To be able to create a healthy sandwich. To be able to evaluate a finished product.
Important Information – PE days, Educational Visits, Homework	
<p><u>PE</u> Tuesday & Thursday – Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit including plimsolls or trainers.</p> <p><u>Homework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English and maths homework goes home on a Tuesday and is due back the following Monday. Spellings are given out with homework. Please help your child practice their spellings in preparation for their spelling tests on Friday. Please listen to your child read for approximately 20 minutes a day and sign their reading record. Reading records must be brought to school daily <p><u>Educational Visits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be notified. 	

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Many thanks,

Ms. James and Mrs. Mohiuddin