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Nursery Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 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 and Reception will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Animals'.

During this half term, we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- The Pig in the Pond.
- Dear Zoo
- Rumble in the Jungle

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

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To be able to continue to learn new concepts with concept cat and word aware. * To be able to follow two step instructions. * To be able to Understand 'how' and 'why' questions. * To be able to retell familiar and invented animal stories. *To know and begin to use story vocabulary to retell familiar stories like 'Once Upon a time' and 'the end'. *To be able to converse in conversations with an adult or peer. 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To know what it means to feel proud and talk about the things they have done that make them feel proud. * To be able to continue to build resilience to keep trying and not give up. * To know what democracy means and begin to vote to make choices in class.
Maths	Understanding the World
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To be able to count objects. * To be able to make 10. *To be able to recognise numbers. * To be able to recognise and create repeating patterns. * To be able to name 2D and 3D shapes. * To be able to use and understand positional language. 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To be able to recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. * To know there are different places, animals and habitats around the world. * To know and name different animals from the ocean. * To be able to talk about how humans can take care of animals. * To be able to explore different natural materials and talk about their properties. * To be able to use their senses to explore the outside world and be able to talk about what they see, hear and feel using a wide range of vocabulary.
Physical	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To know how to and be able to participate in age-appropriate sports. * To know and participate in different athletic races and events combine different movements with ease. * To be able to build motor memory of the main handwriting movements involved in the three basic letter shapes as exemplified by: l, c, r 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To be able to play a short percussion piece with a rhythmic feel. * To be able to move to music with a rhythmic feel. * To be able to manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect. * To know how to access the environment to be able to explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To be able to confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside and in a group. * To develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination, and agility. * To develop fine motor skills- holding pencil correctly, using scissors etc. 	
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Literacy

The children will be learning the following:

- * To be able to write names.
- * To know some diagraphs from set 1 and be able to read some short words with diagraphs.
- * To be able to engage in extended conversations about stories.
- * To learn new vocabulary from texts and topics.
- * To be able to write letters accurately.
- * To begin to be able to write some short captions, labels, with adult support.

Important Information – PE days, Educational Visits, Home Learning Task
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PE
The children in Ash class will continue with weekly football coaching with our school Sports Lead.

Home Learning Tasks
Pencil control/Phonics and maths homework will be sent home every Tuesday and needs to be returned the following **Monday**.
Your child 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, which we will practise 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 are hoping to go on a local visit to the farm as part of our theme to enhance the children’s learning; we will give further details nearer time.

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 in a spare set each day.**
As the weather is starting to get warmer please ensure that sun cream is applied before Nursery and the children are wearing a sun hat. Some days can still be chilly, so a cardigan or light jacket should be worn or sent in on those days.

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.