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Birch Curriculum Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new term at Grange Primary School. We have lots of exciting learning ready for your children this term! Reception will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Transport'.

During this half term, we will focus on:

Our class reading books this term will be –

- Mr Gumpy's Motor Car
- The Hundred Decker Bus
- Busy Boats

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

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To be able to articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. * To be able to connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. * To be able to engage in non-fiction books. * To be able to listen to and talk about selected nonfiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary regarding different places around the world. * To be able to express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses. * To be able to express their ideas making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher. 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To be able to show understanding of their own feelings and those of others and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. * To be able to set and work towards simple goals. * To be able to display Confidence to try new activities. * To be able to explain the reasons for rules and know right from wrong. * To be able to Manage own behaviour. * To be able to talk about what is fair and what is not fair.
Maths	Understanding the World
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To recognise numbers. * To understand and use greater than and equal to. * To understand and use less than and equal to. * To estimate quantities. * To complete addition to 10. * To solve word problems. 	<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 learn about different cultures in other places in the world. *To be able to Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. *To be able to compare characters from stories, including figures from the past. *To be able to continue to show respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs or those without beliefs. *To be able to respect the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing personal beliefs on others.

Physical	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To be able to Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance, and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions. * To be able to perform a single skills or movement with simple control. * To know good practices regarding health and wellbeing such as eating healthily, exercising regularly, sleep and reasonable amounts of screen time. * To be able to confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside and in a group. * To be able to develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. * To develop fine motor skills-holding pencil correctly, using scissors etc. 	<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To be able to join in simple songs remembering some of the words. * To be able to participate in action songs which call for movement. * To be able to move to musical stimuli in a variety of ways, e.g. hopping, marching, skipping, and jumping. * To know that different materials can be used to create art. * To be able to use simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately when creating arts from round the world. * To be able to selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using and explain the processes they have used.
<p>Literacy</p>	
<p>The children will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To begin to be able to read some short sentences. * To begin to be able to write CVC and CCVC words. * To begin to be aware of sentence structure (capital letters, finger spaces and full stops). * To be able to write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. * To be able to blend and segment words when writing independently. * To be able to demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them. 	
<p>Important Information – PE days, Educational Visits, Home Learning Task</p>	
<p><u>PE</u> All children will continue with our weekly PE lessons. Please provide your child with plimsolls that are labelled with their name and class. No PE kit is needed until the Summer term.</p> <p><u>Home Learning Tasks</u> Pencil control/Phonics and maths homework will be sent home every Tuesday and needs to be returned on Mondays. Your child will also have a reading book sent home weekly, as well as a loan book from the school library.</p> <p><u>Educational Visit</u> Information about educational visits will be given out closer to the scheduled time.</p> <p><u>Reminders</u> Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and that it is labelled. Now that we are coming into the rainy season, please ensure that your child has a raincoat and wellies, as they will continue to have access to the outdoor area every day in all weathers.</p>	

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,
Miss Ahmed & Mrs Patel