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Dear Parents,

<u>Curriculum Newsletter – Cedar Class</u> Autumn Term 2

Welcome to a new term at Grange Primary School. We have lots of exciting learning ready for your child this term! Our Class Reader is **The Night Box** by Louise Greig & Ashley Lindsay and **Orion and the Dark** by Emma Yarlett.

This term we will be concentrating on – Narratives

English

Reading

Reading (Word Reading)

• Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words

Reading (Comprehension)

- Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:— listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
- Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts
- Make inferences from the text
- Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far

Writing

- A list poem to describe the contents of a night box
- Writing in the style of Louise Greig to describe night
- Writing in the role as a character
- Making predictions based upon what happens at the beginning and end of a story
- Describing Orion
- Personal narrative about being afraid
- Writing a list of places where dark can be found
- Questions to hot seat a character
- Planning and inventing a new story about overcoming a fear

Grammar

- Leaving spaces between words
- Joining words and joining clauses using 'and'
- · Beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
- Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'
- Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place

Maths

Number

- Develop fluency in addition and subtraction facts within 10.
- Recognise odd and even numbers.
- Add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero.
- Make equal groups
- Add equal groups
- Make arrays
- Make doubles
- Through grouping, begin to understand: multiplication

Measures

- To understand seconds, minutes and hours.
- Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour
- To work out an hour before and an hour after.

Geometry

- Recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes.
- Recognise common 2D and 3D shapes presented in different orientations, and know that rectangles, triangles, cuboids and pyramids are not always similar to one another.
- To sort shapes according to their properties.

Science - Plants - Seasonal Changes **Computing -We are TV Chefs** Observe changes across the four seasons This unit will enable the children to: Investigating recipes and TV cookery programmes Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies Programming a sandwich-making robot Developing a recipe To look at weather forecasts and the symbols used Practicing with the camera by forecasters Filming the recipe video To understand how the observed weather is typical Editing and reviewing (or not) of the weather for the season To investigate shadows and their shapes To observe and record the weather Know that tools are used to gather information about the weather. **RE- How do Christians celebrate Christmas? PSHE- Celebrating difference** This unit focuses on what Christians do to celebrate the birth This unit focuses on celebrating differences and understanding of Jesus. Children consider why people give gifts at Christmas. that everyone is different. This unit explores the Christian belief that Jesus is God's gift to the world. During this unit, the children will: During this unit, the children will learn: Accept that everyone is different. What is a special gift? Include others when working and playing. Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas? Know how to help if someone is being bullied. What gift would you like to give? Try to solve problems. When is Christmas celebrated? Try to use kind words. Know how to give and receive compliments. What happens during Christmas? What can a church tell us about the Christmas story? What have I learnt about Christmas? **Topic- Our 4 Seasons** Art/DT- Seasons Art- Van Gogh make a clay sunflower During this unit, the children will learn: During this unit, the children will be provided with To find out how the seasons are linked with the months opportunities and experiences to:

of the year.

- To find out what the weather is like in spring.
- To find out what the weather is like in summer.
- To find out what the weather is like in autumn.
- To find out what the weather is like in winter.

To review knowledge and compare the four seasons.

- Become familiar with shaping, molding and texture using clay-creating Sunflowers.
- Record observations/ideas using a sketchbook.
- Be able to review their own and others work and say what they could improve.
- Explore using different tools and techniques to join mold and create texture with clay.

Important Information

PE – Wednesday is our PE day. Please ensure your child has their full kit each on those days. All children will need to have a named drawstring bag with their P.E clothing, including plimsolls, labelled and in school. Children can leave their PE kit at school and take it home at the end of each term.

PLEASE NOTE:

- •Homework is given out on Tuesday and due in the following Monday.
- Weekly spellings are handed out Tuesday and tested on the following Monday
- Does your child know their number bonds within 20? Rehearse them using: Mathletics and free online games.

Please listen to your child read daily to help improve their fluency and accuracy. Your child has a login for Bug Club; encourage them to use it to improve reading and comprehension.

As the weather is changing, please ensure that your child has a coat with a hood.

If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks

Ms. McKenzie - Class Teacher Mrs. Farrell - Phase Leader