



Grange Junior School

Round Up Term 2 – Issue 5 – 2023

Termly Value - Bravery

Year 3

This week in year 3, we have started looking at how we can carry out our own investigation in science. As a group, we have decided on what question we want to investigate about the human skeleton ready for us to start next week.

In geography, we have explored Japan and learnt all about its temperate climate. We learnt about how in the north there are lots of snowy mountains and in the south it is lovely and warm.

We have also been practicing our Christmas assembly that we will perform to parents. We are making sure that we know our lines and are confident singing the songs.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 took part in their second workshop by Barnardo's. They discussed strategies for being safe online and looked at a range of scenarios to discuss how they should be handled. In maths, we have been looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. The children have worked hard to accurately draw nets of 3D shapes and used isometric paper to draw 3D shapes. They have shown great improvements in their accuracy as the week has progressed. In science, we enjoyed making our own working periscopes this week. We were intrigued to find out how the angle of the mirror affected the ability to reflect and allow us to see through our periscopes. During our library slots this week, we have enjoyed seeing the children enjoying reading their chosen books. Remember to keep up your reading nights – have you got your 50 reading nights certificate yet?

Year 4

This week in year 4, we have been working hard to use our knowledge of subtraction to take away 2 and 3-digit numbers from 4-digit numbers using number lines.

In writing, we have been learning about how subordinating conjunctions are used.

However, this week, we have really enjoyed making our Christmas Christingles and have loved sharing them with everyone.

Year 5

In year 5, we have been exploring one of the secondary characters in our book, *Wonder*, where we have discussed her views towards her brother and used these ideas to write cohesively, clearly showing our focus skills of cohesion within and across paragraphs.

For Maths, we have started a new topic, *Properties of Number* where we are investigating prime and composite numbers and their factors. Year 5 have successfully used manipulatives to show their understanding and tackled these new concepts with resilience.

In our Science investigation this week, we have focused on how to insulate a cup at a cold temperature and analyzed how effective different materials were as insulators.

EARLIER CLOSING - LAST DAY OF TERM 19TH DEC

Children invited to wear non-school uniform for the last day of term. Please also note that Grange Junior school will be closing at the earlier time of 1:30pm on Tuesday 19th December for the Christmas holidays. We will return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

ABSENCE REPORTING & TERM TIME LEAVE

When reporting your child's absence, we are required to note a reason for their absence such as cold, sickness, headache etc. If a message is left indicating the child is 'unwell' this is not sufficient enough for our records, and we will need to contact again to confirm the specific reason for absence. We do not like to disturb you when we know your child is unwell. When reporting your child's absence please ensure that a specific reason is given. Thank you. Please can all calls regarding your child's absence be made to the school office by 8:25am each day they are off. If you need to take your child out of school during term time, a term time absence form will need to be completed. These can be requested from the school office.

UNIFORM LABELLING

Can we please request that your child's uniform, PE kit, lunchboxes etc are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have had a few lost property enquiries recently where lost items are not labelled making it more challenging to locate and return.

YEAR 5 SWIMMING FEEDBACK

Well done to our Year 5's, we have been asked to pass on a huge thank you and well done from Cricklade Leisure Centre who this week were training swimming instructors and chose Grange Junior school group to be the group they trained the swimming instructors with. The instructors leading the session thanked the children and said they had been the best group they have had and were amazingly well behaved.

END OF TERM 2 KEY DATES



**Monday 4th
December**

FOGS
Christmas
Market
'Elfridges'

Children will have the chance during the school day to purchase gifts with their vouchers purchased via FOGS in the school hall. If your child is participating in this event please can they bring a carrier bag with them for their purchases.

**Thursday
7th
December**

Christmas
Jumper
Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper, T-shirt or tinsel with their school uniform and make a voluntary donation of £2 to Save the Children via our JustGiving link –

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/grangejuniorschool>

**Friday 8th
December**

Christmas
Tree
Festival

All parents invited to view a display after school at 1:30pm in the school hall.

**Wednesday
13th
December**

School
Christmas
dinner

If you wish your child to have a Christmas dinner, please ensure to book this by the **Tuesday 5th December** on ParentPay.

**Monday
18th
December**

Class
Christmas
parties

Children will be having class Christmas parties in the afternoon on Monday 18th December.

**Tuesday
19th
December**

Non
Uniform
day and
early
closing
time

Children are invited to wear non-school uniform for the last day of term.

**** Please also note the school closure time of 1:30pm for the last day of school Tues 19th Dec****



Stratton St Margaret
Parish Council

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023

WITH SWINDON
BRASS BAND
& CHOIR!

JOIN US FOR...
CAROL SINGING

MULLED WINE &
HOT CHOCOLATE

FESTIVE CRAFTS

FIRE PITS

MINCE PIES

Time: From 6pm
Where: Meadowcroft
Community Centre,
Addison Crescent,
SN2 7JX