



# Grange Junior School

## Round Up Term 2 – Issue 7 – 2023

### Termly Value - Bravery

#### Year 3

This week year 3 have completed their textile bags. We have used the running stitch to make sure that our small object is contained safely.

In geography, we have looked at the continent South America as it has two climate zones, tropical and desert. We looked in detail at the Atacama Desert and the Amazon Rainforest. We found out some fascinating facts about them so ask us!

We enjoyed showing our parents and the rest of the school our Christmas assembly all about light. Thank you to everyone who came to watch it.

#### Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at lots of poems this week. We have written calligrams, kennings, limericks and rhyming couplet poems all to do with our term 3 book – 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar'.

In maths, we have been looking at which strategies we would use in word problems to do with addition and subtraction.

We have continued our glockenspiel lessons in music and are getting really amazing at improvisation.

In PE, we had a netball tournament where we combined all our knowledge so far.

#### Year 6

This week, Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed beginning their Design and Technology project. This unit is about exploring gears and pulleys. Children have begun exploring how the ratios of gears change the speed at which a vehicle can move. They have been able to apply their mathematical understanding of ratios and multiples to make predictions and observations about speed. We look forward to seeing their moving vehicles finished. In reading, we have been undertaking our pre-phase reading, preparing for our new book 'The Viewer by Shaun Tan and Gary Crew.' The children have made comparisons between similar texts on the theme of curiosity. We have discussed how characters are curious and what impact this has on the plot. In maths, we have begun looking at coordinates and translation of shapes to finish the term. We hope everyone has a brilliant Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

#### Year 5

This week, we have been exploring our pre-phase Reading through looking at the story of Little Red Riding Hood from the point of view of the wolf. This has opened up to great class debates on how trustworthy a main character is and how authors use different perspectives to develop empathy. We have used this skill to consider how our main characters in the story of Wonder would feel about Christmas and what specifically they would ask for. The children have used their knowledge of the text to produce letters from August and Via to Santa which show they have effectively considered different view points.

We have been looking at nets of 3D shapes in Maths this week and have created a range of 3D shapes to show our understanding of this topic.

## EARLIER CLOSING - LAST DAY OF TERM 19<sup>TH</sup> DEC

Please be aware that Grange Junior school will be closing at the earlier time of 1:30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holidays. We will return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. We hope all our families at Grange Junior School have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful break and we will see you in the New Year.

## NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS

Children are invited to wear their party clothes to school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec for their class Christmas parties and non-school uniform on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec for the last day of term.

## GATEWAY ICE RINK GIVEAWAY

The Gateway Ice rink at the Cotswold Water Park Lake 6 have generously donated a family ticket to skate for free this Christmas break. We have randomly generated the class to enter the draw and the chosen class is Hazel class. All children in Hazel class have been added into the draw and the child who will win these tickets will be drawn and announced in our celebration assembly on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to two members of our staff Mrs Mottram who has been amazing supporting the children at lunchtime and Mrs Terrell who has supported a number of children over the years both in the classroom and as part of our pastoral team. They will both be greatly missed. We wish you good luck in your new roles.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will have our final celebration assembly of the school year and we will be awarding our value buttons and other special awards at this time.

## END OF TERM 2 KEY DATES



**Monday  
18<sup>th</sup>  
December**

Class  
Christmas  
parties

Children to wear party clothes to school for their class Christmas parties in the afternoon on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Tuesday  
19<sup>th</sup>  
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 19<sup>th</sup> Dec\*\***





# THANK YOU

Grange Junior School

for raising a fantastic

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