



Grange Junior School

Round Up Term 1 – Issue 1 – 2023

Termly Value - RESPECT

Year 3

We have had a brilliant start to year 3! We have settled in well and are getting used to our new routines.

This week, we have started our first science topic – forces and magnets. We started by looking at pushes and pulls – we searched the school for some real-life examples. We then investigated how a spinning top turns on a range of surfaces. We had a lot of fun predicting and then testing our theories.

Towards the end of the week, we visited our school library to choose a book to read at home. We are looking forward to achieving many roaring reader certificates!

Year 6

Welcome to Year 6! We have been incredibly impressed with the mature attitudes and positivity the children have returned with. They have taken their new classes in their strides and are making new friends every day. This week, we have enjoyed finding out about the structure of the human heart. We have enjoyed making 3D models of pumping hearts and learning new scientific vocabulary to describe the chambers, veins and arteries. In PE, we have enjoyed learning to take our own warm ups in small groups and playing dodgeball.

Year 4

Welcome back year 4! Everyone has come back with a huge smile on their face and a ready to learn attitude!

In maths, we have been looking at place value all the way up to thousands. We have been writing numbers into words and vice versa. In writing, we have been looking at our visual literacy – Soar. All children have been rewriting the story in their own words and recapping year 3 skills. In science, children, children have been learning about the differences and properties of solids, liquids and gases.

We are looking forward to seeing how many reads we can all do this year!

Year 5

Welcome back Year 5!

We have had a very busy first week back in Upper Key Stage Two! In Maths, we started looking at place value – up to ten thousands. We all enjoyed using manipulatives to represent 5-digit numbers. In Writing, we have written a short narrative based on the film clip, SOAR, from the little boy's point of view. In Science, we started our very first unit of the year: Living things and their habitats. We have studied the parts of the flower; we were thrilled when we found the anther, filament, stigma and other parts of flowering plants - dissecting a flower is good fun! In History, we tweeted our answers to the big question: Why do we study the Kingdom of Benin? Our teachers and assistants were very pleased with our learning attitude. We are looking forward to next week.

WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back to all our children and families, we hope you all had a wonderful summer it is so nice to see the children return with happy faces and eager to learn.

YEAR 3 CHILDREN

We would like to encourage all our new year 3 children to independently come into school on their own from the gates as of Monday 11th September. However, if your child is not ready for this next step, please do continue to come onto the playground with them.

MEET AND GREET

Reminder that on Tuesday 12th September parents are invited to meet their child's new teacher and see their new classroom between 3:30 and 4pm.

PE DAYS – TERM 1

Please see below information for your child's PE days for Term 1.

Year 3 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Thursday

MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

If your child needs any medication during the school day, for example they have been prescribed a recent course of antibiotics, please speak with the school office who will be happy to help complete the necessary paperwork to administer this on your behalf. Any medication should be handed directly to the school office. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

After school can we please remind all Parents/Carers that if you allow your child to use the play equipment on the playground after school that the children are in your care and should be supervised by their adult at all times. The playground and play equipment are not manned after school by our staff and therefore their safety is your responsibility.

DINNER BOOKINGS

We are aware that currently we have an ongoing issue with ParentPay our online booking system effecting some parents. If you have any problems accessing or booking, please do not hesitate to contact the school office (01793 822405) who will be happy to help.

Term 1 and 2- Key Dates

Please be aware other dates may arise over the terms.

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Value: Respect		Details
Monday 4 th September	TD Day	School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 12 th September	Meet and Greet	Come and meet your child's teacher in their classrooms between 3:30 and 4:00pm
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Day	Children are invited to wear jeans to school with their school jumper and make a voluntary donation of £1 to charity
Tuesday 26 th September	European Day of Languages	Children will be taking part in activities related to different European languages
Month of October 2 DAYS	Black History Month To merge with National Poetry Day	During the month of October the children will be taking part in activities to promote black history
Wednesday 4 th October	School Photographer in	Individual and siblings school photos taken. All children to wear school uniform. If your child has PE on this day, please send PE kit in a bag with them.
Thursday 5 th October	National Poetry Day To merge with National Black History Month	Children will be exploring different poems and poets in class
Monday 9 th October	TD Day	School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day	Our assembly focus today will be on looking after each other and ourselves. Children will take part in wellbeing activities in class
Wednesday 18 th October	Harvest Festival	Children in Year 5 invite parents in at 9am for a year group Harvest assembly We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Swindon Food Bank- please can children bring in their contributions during the week beginning 10th October
Tuesday 31 st October 3:40-6pm Wednesday 1 st November 3:40-6pm	Parents Evening	Parents will be able to book an appointment to meet their child's teacher Information about how to book your appointment will be sent out nearer the time
Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd November	Book Fair	The Book Fair will be open after school in the Entrance Zone between 3:30pm and 4pm

Friday 10 th November	Remembrance	As a school we will observe a 2 minutes silence at 11am Children will be taking part in an Art/History activity linked to Remembrance Day Year 5 children to share remembrance Assembly (parents to be invited)
Week of 13 th -17 th November	Anti- Bullying Week	Children will be engaging in lots of different activities around this years theme: 'Make a noise about Bullying' Odd Socks Day- Children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 13 th November- A great way to celebrate what makes us all unique
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need	Details to be confirmed This will mark the 42nd TV Appeal to raise money for disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.
Week of 20 th -24 th November	Road Safety Week	Children will be taking part in activities related to Road Safety
Monday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week Drop in	Parents are invited in to view a display of the children's work in the hall after school
Friday 24 th November	Art Portraits Exhibition	All children to complete a portrait to be Exhibited for a Grange Junior School Gallery.
Tuesday 28 th November	Flu Immunisation team in school	Details TBC
Week of 4 th December	Christmas Tree Festival	There will be a display in the hall at the end of the day on Friday 8 th December for parents to enjoy
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, t shirt or tinsel to school and make a voluntary donation of £2 to Save the Children
Monday 11 th December	Festival of Light Assembly	Year 3 children invite their parents to an assembly at 9am