

Dear Year 5 parents and carers,

We hope you have had a great half term break and are ready to start the new term.

PE

Our PE days will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please can children come into school in their PE kits on this day. Please note that it is important that long hair is tied back on these days and children are not wearing hooped earrings and other jewellery should not be worn.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school. If these can be named, it helps us to return them to their owners if they are misplaced. The children are allowed to access these during the school day whenever they wish. The only time we ask them to wait is during our lesson input times. An extra drink can also be provided for lunchtime should you wish.

Snacks

Children are most welcome to bring in a snack at playtime. As per healthy schools' guidance, we ask that these are fruit or vegetables where possible.

Reading

Your child has received their reading record and an appropriate reading book. Reading is a crucial part of our culture here at Grange. We ask children to read at least 3 times a week and record it in their reading record. Every reading night counts towards our reading reward scheme. We hope to see lots of children achieving 250 nights this year!

Times Tables and Spellings

Your child has received their login for Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed. These are the two tools we use for homework at Grange. Times Tables and Spellings are essential areas of Maths and English so please provide your child with time to complete their homework.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 3rd Nov - Children return to school

Wednesday 5th Nov - Fireworks Event

Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th Nov - Parents evening

10th - 12th Nov Anti- Bullying Week

Tuesday 11th Nov- Remembrance

Tuesday 11th Nov- Kingsdown Literacy Festival

Friday 14th Nov - Children in Need

17th-22nd Nov - Road Safety Week

24th -30th Nov - UK Parliament Week

Friday 5th Dec - Christmas tree Festival

Tuesday 9th Dec - Flu Immunisations

Thursday 11th Dec- Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th Dec - Last Day of Term

Please keep an eye on the school website for updates and dates.

Finally, please remember that if you have any questions, feel free to contact us by sending an email to the school office or speaking to the class teachers. Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Britton (Year Group Lead), Mrs Wales, Miss Holley and Mrs Whitehouse.

As writers, we will be learning...

- to use 'The Promise' as a stimulus for writing.
- Character development
- Apostrophes for singular and plural possession
- Coordinating conjunctions
- Cohesion within paragraphs

As artists and designers, we will be learning ...

- To draw landscapes in the cubist style.
- Use basic line drawing changing straight lines into curves lines
- To use geometric shapes to recreate their favourite tree and add colour using a monochromatic palette.

As musicians, we are learning...

- The basics of how to play the clarinet.
- To sing a song with different parts.

In PE, we are learning...

- Cricket
- Fitness



As French speakers, we will be learning about...

- Phonetics
- The days of the week
- How to say the date

PSHE:

- Celebrating differences
- Conflicts



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As geographers, we will be learning...

- All about the rainforests
- to describe features, processes and characteristics of a rainforest
- to explain the importance of rainforests to the planet
- to compare life in a rainforest with life in the UK.

As mathematicians, we will be learning...

- to use efficient mental strategies to add and subtract whole numbers and decimal numbers
- to column addition and subtraction for two numbers with more than 4-digits with regrouping and exchanging
- to multiply and divide a whole number and a decimal by 10, 100 and 1000
- to find prime and composite numbers.

As scientists, we will be learning...

- How to compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties.
- That some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution.
- How mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating
- To demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes
- Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible.

In RE, we will be discovering...

- Religion: Christianity
- Key Question: Is the Christmas Story true?

Using our computing skills, we are learning...

- Online Safety - Project Evolve
Online Bullying
 - Creating Media: Video Production