

Dear Year 5 parents and carers,

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

### PE

Our PE days will be on Monday and Wednesday. 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:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Class Photograph

W/C 9<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - End of term 4

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...

- Looking at our new book "Wonder" and our digital literacy "Little Freak".
- Defining and non-defining relative clauses
- Developing character
- Inverted commas to show speech
- Relative pronouns

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

- Multi-Cultural Art Project linked to World Book Day

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...

- Handball
- Outdoor Adventure Activities



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

- French traditions
- Numbers up to 20
- Ask and answer "How are you?"
- Easter vocabulary

PSHE:

- Healthy me
- Smoking and alcohol
- Keeping our bodies healthy
- Food and nutrition

As geographers, we will be learning...

- Migration
- Describe what migration is and the different types of migrants
- Explain why people move to and from Swindon
- Describe how migration has influenced Swindon, including culture, economy and workforce.

As mathematicians, we will be learning...

- to write a number with different decimal places as a fraction
- to understand what percent means and how to write percentages as fractions and decimals
- to know percentage equivalents
- to convert between different measurements of length, mass and capacity
- to calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes
- to know approximate equivalences between inches and centimetres as well as between metric and imperial units



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As scientists, we will be learning...

- How to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird
- describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

In RE, we will be discovering...

- Religion: Christianity
- How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?

Using our computing skills, we are learning...

- Online Safety - Project Evolve
- Data and information - flat file databases
- Grouping and sorting data
- Using tools and programs to interpret data

