



Grange Farm Primary School

Spring in Year 2

Happy new year and welcome back—we hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you so much for all our wonderful gifts. We really do appreciate your kindness.

This term we are trying to further develop the children's independence and expect them to take responsibility for changing their own reading book, remembering their library book and completing their home learning. This newsletter is intended to give you useful information about what we are doing this term.

English

In English this term we will be writing an explanation text all about penguins. We will be researching information about penguins using books and the internet. In addition to this, we will have regular grammar and spelling lessons to improve our basic writing skills. It is important that children are able to apply the grammar rules we have taught in their independent writing. A big focus will be on handwriting and presentation in all lessons.

Spelling

Spelling is a key area of learning in year 2 and the children will continue to have daily spelling lessons. These lessons we will focus on the spelling of the year 2 common exception words and the spelling rules for year 2. It is crucial that children can spell these words in their writing.

Reading

Your child will read in a group with an adult twice a week focussing on their comprehension skills. Please read regularly at home with your child. **Library books must be returned every Friday.**

Homework

Spellings will be given out every Friday and tested the following Friday. It is important your child can spell these words in its correct context and in a sentence. Neat presentation of this work is vital. We will now begin to give out a mental arithmetic paper every Friday to be back in the following Friday. Please support your child to answer these questions correctly.

This term's creative curriculum...

Our topic this term begins with 'Land Ahoy.' We will be learning about pirates, boats, the RNLI charity, continents, oceans and the countries in the UK. The main focus is on Geography but it will also include art, DT and music. After half term we will move onto our 'Street Detectives' topic which will have a history focus. The children will learn all about our local area and how it has changed over time.

Other Curriculum Areas

In history the children will be learning about significant individuals and explorers such as: Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus, Robert Falcon Scott and Grace Darling. We will then move onto learning about the events of the Titanic and who was to blame. In science we are learning about materials and their properties before moving onto detailed investigation work through our 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' topic. In computing we will be improving our basic office skills by creating a PowerPoint about a chosen topic to present. In RE we will be focussing on 'Nature and God' and we will talk about how nature is important across different religions.

PE Days

In Spring 1 the children will have PE on Wednesday morning And Thursday afternoon. They will need **outdoor PE clothes** including jogging bottoms and a jacket.

Dates / Trips

Diary dates come out every week on the newsletter and are also available on the website.

Our parents' SAT meeting is on Monday 5th February.

Parents' evening is on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of March.

Staff

In spring 1, PPA cover for both classes is Mrs Kaur/ Mrs Sahota and the Art Teacher. The children have the sports coach on Wednesday mornings. Year 2 teaching staff are: Miss Lewis, Miss Sargent, Ms Sands, Mrs Gorman, Mrs Brennan, Mr Jones and Miss Medley.

Communication

Most letters now come by email and are available on the website. Do make sure we have your up to date email address and contact details. Please check your classroom window for any new notices or extra information.

Maths

These objectives form the maths curriculum for the whole year and are revisited at different points during the year. :

- Count in 2s, 3s and 5s from 0 and 10s from any number
- Read, write, compare and order numbers to at least 100
- Know the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers
- Recall and use facts to 20 and derive related facts to 100
- Using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mentally, add and subtract ones, tens and two-digit numbers to and from two-digit numbers
- Add several single digits
- Tables and division facts for $\times 2$, $\times 5$ and $\times 10$
- Use commutativity for addition and multiplication
- Check answers to calculations using inverse relationships
- Recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$
- Recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value; add and subtract money of the same unit, including giving change
- Identify, compare and sort 2D and 3D shapes based on their properties (including symmetry in a vertical line) and use vocabulary, such as sides, edges, vertices and faces
- Identify 2D shapes on the surface of 3D shapes
- Right angle turns clockwise and anti-clockwise
- Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables
- **Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.**