



Grange Farm Primary School

Spring in Reception

Happy new year and welcome back—we hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday. This newsletter is intended to give you useful information about what we are doing this term.

The children have now settled into school well. Each day we have class teaching sessions involving listening activities, stories and rhymes, phonics, writing and numeracy. The children also spend time working in small groups and doing activities they have chosen.

Mrs Parker and Miss Wookey

Literacy / Reading

The children are now bringing reading books home to share with you. They have an opportunity twice a week to change their book. Please read regularly with your child and write in the red reading record to say they have read with you, or to make comments or ask questions. Each week the children have guided reading and writing sessions. Library books are changed on **Wednesdays**.

Maths

Work we will be doing includes the following:

- Recognising and using numbers to 20
- Counting objects accurately
- Finding the total number of objects in 2 groups by counting them
- Finding one more or one less than a number
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Doubling numbers
- Naming 2D and 3D shapes
- Comparing weights, sizes and capacity

Topic

Our topics this term will include:

Ourselves (our bodies; our senses; our feelings; when we were babies; healthy eating and hygiene); Winter; Chinese New Year and Easter.

Phonics

We have daily phonics sessions. Please continue to practise the sounds and actions in the pink phonic book as the children need to know these well to support their reading and writing.

PE Days

PE is on Monday afternoon and Friday morning. The children also need **outdoor PE clothes** including jogging bottoms and a jacket or sweatshirt in their pump bags.

Dates

Diary dates come out every week on the newsletter and are also available on the website. Parents evenings this term are on March 14th and 15th.

Staff

Reception teaching staff are: Mrs Parker, Miss Wookey, Mrs Trotman and Mrs Pemberton. PPA cover for RP is Mrs Kaur (all day Thursday) and for RW is Mrs Sahota on Thursday mornings.

Communication

Most letters now come by email so please do update us if your details change. Please talk to us if you have any queries or concerns.