



Grange Farm Primary School

Summer in Year 2

Welcome back to the beginning of our final exciting term. We hope that you had an enjoyable Easter Holiday and you're ready for another busy term in Year 2. This is an important term for your child because of the end of KS1 assessments. Our main priority is for the children to feel confident and well prepared so that they will be able to do their best when they sit their SATs. This will be done in a positive way to ensure children feel stress free. Throughout this term we will continue to develop and support your child's independence as they prepare for life in KS2.

English

This term's English topics will allow the children to be creative with their vocabulary choices. They will write their own set of instructions for 'How to care for a pet dragon'. We will then move onto writing a non-chronological report. After the half term holiday we will be exploring Poetry. We will be learning all about riddles and silly poems. We will also look at writing some fantasy stories. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be imbedded in every lesson as it is a priority for this term.

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, questioning them using the question prompts given out.

Spelling

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

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. Please check that your child has spelt the word correctly in their sentences. For Maths, the children will continue to be given a mental maths sheet to complete independently. Then, corrections completed with support when needed. All the children are working on a new maths target. Extra practise at home will be a great support for your child.

This term's creative curriculum...

Our topic this term begins with 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. The children will have lots of opportunities to carry out fun science experiments, be creative and get messy! We will also be focussing on food. The children will investigate where food comes from and preparing a range of dishes. After half term, the topic is 'Wriggle and Crawl'. We will explore a variety of mini beasts, their habitats, life cycles and how they protect themselves. The children will also research animal food chains.

Other Curriculum Areas

In PSHE the children will be exploring feelings and emotions through the book 'The colour monster'. In Science, we will be focussing on plants. We will investigate why plants need light and water to be healthy. They will also explore and observe how bulbs and seeds change over time. Throughout their Computing lessons the children will continue to develop their basic office skills. To support this, they will create their own class blog about life in Year 2. In RE, we will be learning about Sikhism, looking at the key questions 'What is a Sikh and how do they live?'. In PE, The sports coaches will teach the children gymnastics and we will teach the children net and wall skills.

PE Days

In Summer 1 the children will have PE on Wednesday AM with a sports coach and Thursday PM with their class teacher. 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. Please check the weekly newsletter for the date of our school performance. Reports will be sent out in July.

Sports day is 28th June.

Staff

PPA cover this term is Emma O'Brien the art teacher and Mrs Kaur. The year 2 staff are Miss Sargent, Miss Lewis, Miss Sands, Mrs Gorman, Mrs Brennan and Miss Wright.

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.

- 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.