



Grange Farm Primary School

Spring in Reception

Welcome back—we hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. This newsletter is intended to give you useful information about what we are doing this term.

The children are very settled at school and are progressing well in all areas of learning. Each day we have class teaching sessions involving phonics and reading activities, listening to stories and writing and numeracy activities. The children also spend time working in small groups and doing activities they have chosen.

Literacy / Reading

The children bring reading books home to share with you. They have an opportunity to change their books at least twice a week. 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**.

Writing

At school the children are encouraged to write for different purposes. Please will you make the most of opportunities at home to write cards, shopping lists or even stories. The children may be able to spell some words by themselves. Other words they can attempt to write by using their phonics. We would love the children to bring in any writing they do at home to show us.

Learning Journals

Please will you send in any photos or details of activities or celebrations that the children are involved in outside school so that we can include these in their Learning Journals.

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 Friday morning. The children need a t-shirt and shorts and also **outdoor PE clothes**, including jogging bottoms and a jacket or sweatshirt, in their pump bags. The children will be practising their athletics skills ready for Sport's Day.

Staff

Reception teaching staff are: Mrs Parker, Miss Wookey, Mrs Trotman and Mrs Pember-ton. PPA cover is Mrs Kaur (Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons).

Topics

Our topics this term will probably include some or all of the following:

- Animals and their young
- Life-cycles
- Minibeasts
- Travelling and holidays
- Pirates
- Dinosaurs

Show and Tell

We will continue to run our Show and Tell sessions fortnightly. The dates for this term are as follows:

RW: 19th April, 3rd May, 17th May,
7th June

RP: 26th April, 10th May, 24th May,

Maths

Work we will be doing includes the following:

- Finding one more or one less than a number
- Addition and subtraction problems
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Doubling numbers and sharing
- Naming 2D and 3D shapes and talking about them
- Comparing weights, sizes and capacity
- Looking for and describing shapes and patterns in the environment

Trip

We are looking forward to our trip to Hatton Farm on Tuesday 15th May. We will send a letter nearer the time with details about what the children need to wear and bring with them. This links with our topic about baby animals.

Reminders

Please will the children:

- bring their reading book and reading log to school in their book bag every day
- bring in a named water bottle containing water each day

Muddy Mondays

This term we will continue to go out and use our lovely school grounds whenever we can. We will definitely go out every Monday, whatever the weather. Please will the children continue to bring their wellies to school so that we can wear them if it is wet. However, if the ground is dry and rain is not forecast then the children will not need to bring them on these occasions.

Dates

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

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.