



Grange Primary School Newsletter 22nd October 2021

Autumn Term 1

Core Value Of The Week: Resilience

Reminders: Half Term 25th - 29th October 2021
School Closed INSET Day: Monday, 1st November 2021
First Day Back after Half Term: Tuesday, 2nd November 2021



Dear Parents,

Thank you to those that attended Parents' Evening this week. We have received some good feedback and have been given some ideas of things we need to work on. We hope you have enjoyed hearing about your children's progress, and how you can support them at home. We will be sending a short-written report home at the end of the next half term in December to keep you up to date with progress your children have made.

Our next formal Parents' Evening will be held in the spring term, and this will give you the chance to meet face to face with your child's teacher. You have a duty of care and a legal responsibility to attend these meetings, so please ensure you make an appointment.

This week your children have been creating some amazing pieces of Artwork, which you will have the opportunity to see and purchase in our art exhibition in December. Children's work will be making its way to the framers during half term ready for our exhibition. Look out for an invitation to this even after the half term.

Our School Council have met this week and have decided on some names for our School Houses. During the first week back, the children in every class will vote for the four names they like the best. The Houses are named after famous astronauts. The children will be taught about each astronaut, so they learn about them. Names in the running are; Wilson, Harris, Peake, Armstrong, Collins, Sharman and Jemison. Once the names are decided each child will be allocated to a house. Children's Dojo points will be added to the house each week and the winning house will attend a special trip at the end of each full term.

Thanks to all of the Staff, Parents and Carers at Grange for welcoming me to the community. Have a restful half term and stay safe.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 2nd November 2021.

Rebecca

Rebecca Benjamins
Headteacher



Love

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Year 4

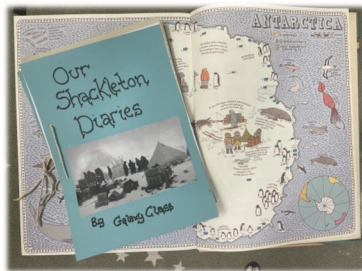
Galaxy & Supernova



This week in Year 4 we have been learning all about the end of Shackleton's failed expedition to Antarctica.

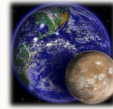
We imagined what it must have felt like to be abandoned in the middle of the freezing ice and wrote diary entries as Shackleton living in Camp Patience. We also learnt about the amazing work of Emily Shackleton who campaigned on behalf of the families of The Endurance crew.

In role as Mrs Shackleton, we wrote persuasive letters to Winston Churchill to try and convince him to help.

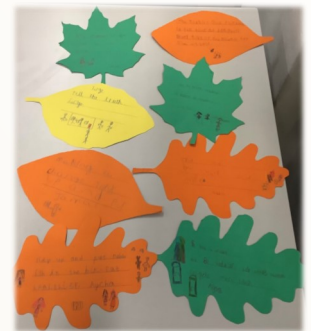


Year 2

Planet Earth & Mars



Year 2 have been learning how to measure using cm, describing a giant in the -story 'Jim and the beanstalk', learnt what a Hindu puja tray is in RE, created a leaflet about one of the countries in the UK, and described how they are going to make a change on a leaf.



Year 6 Sky Class+



This week in Sky Class, we have been exploring crime and punishment in Anglo-Saxon/Viking times.

We re-enacted out a scene from Robin Hood, and looked at how the law changed between these times and the Romans.



Year 1 Venus & Mercury



In our topic lesson this week the children learnt about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon. We watched videos and discussed the event. The children designed and name their space rocket.



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Nursery

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This week, children in the Nursery listened to the story: 'Three Little Pigs.' They joined in with a repeated refrain and actions when they were listening to the story.

We had a discussion about a variety of houses that we have in London and what materials they were made of. Children thought of what kind of house they lived in. They decorated outlines of houses and their front doors. Children were encouraged to role-play the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using puppets they made.



Year 2 Book of the Week

Mars Class



Title: A Planet full of Plastic

Author: [Neal Layton](#)

Publisher: Hachette Children's Group

Reading age: 4 – 8 years



Everything is made of stuff. Some things are made of paper, like this book, and some things are made of PLASTIC. If you look around you, plastic is everywhere. Even in places where it's not meant to be. If it drops to the ground, it doesn't rot away - it sticks around for ever.

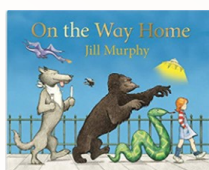
This brilliant non-fiction picture book, illustrated in Neal's trademark collage style, is perfect for readers aged 4-7 who love nature and want to help the environment.

Title: On the Way Home

Author: [Jill Murphy](#)

Publisher: Pan Macmillan

Reading age: 4 – 8 years



Claire has hurt her knee, so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how did it happen . . .? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?!

On the Way Home is a fantastic journey of the imagination that every small child who tells the occasional tall tale will relate to!

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Reception Moon & Star



In Reception we have been exploring with our senses. We scooped out the seeds in our pumpkins, and spoke about what it smelt and felt like, "The pumpkin is slimy" said one child.

Then we made "gloop" inside the pumpkin for more fun.



A Visit from Perform



We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Thursday 21st October. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Outer Space](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Outer Space*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Outer Space* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Grange Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Thursday 11th November. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **GPRI111121** or book online at perform.org.uk





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Swimming Year 4 & Year 5



Swimming lessons for Year 4 and Year 5 will start when we return after the October 2021 half term.

Letters have been emailed to Parents and Carers via Parentmail this week for your information.

Please ensure that your child brings the appropriate swimwear, a towel and a swimming cap, goggles can be worn if you wish. Unfortunately, the school is NOT in a position to provide swimwear or towels etc. for children.



Year 2

Old T-Shirts/Shirts

Please can you bring in an **old t-shirt/shirt** labelled with your child's name on it - to use when they are painting n class.





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Homework

Just a quick reminder about homework.



Homework books have been collected by teachers, and will be prepared over the half-term to be redistributed to the children during the first week back.

During term time our expectation is that children spend;

- 5-10 minutes a night on Mathletics
- 5-10 minutes a night on Reading Eggs
- At least 10 minutes reading every night
- Complete some of additional learning ideas from their homework books
- Homework books to be returned to school on the last week of the half term

During the half term break parents and children can access Microsoft Teams (login details have been sent to all children) and complete some optional homework tasks.

These tasks can be scanned into Teams or a photo can be uploaded.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning.





REWARDS



Writer of the Week

Mercury: Marvellous amazing postcard in role as baby bear. Well done!

Venus: Scarlett for always trying and never giving up!

Mars: Jhulian for using some fantastic adjectives to describe the giant.

Planet Earth: Deonah for trying really hard to use similes when describing the giant.

Galaxy: Fares for taking great pride in his presentation.

Saturn: Denis for creating fantastic similes in English

Jupiter: Aminat for trying hard to spell her high frequency words.

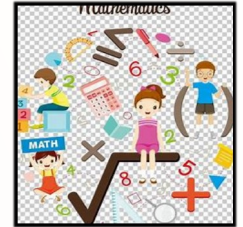
Supernova : Gbemi for producing diary entry in English this week.

Neptune: Nikola you are beginning to put more careful thought into your written pieces, and developing your ideas carefully on the page.

Pluto: Stevie-Lee for working hard to edit and improve her writing.

Aurora: Sina

Sky: Fiona has beautiful presentation and handwriting.



Mathematician of the Week

Mercury: Joseph great learning on related number facts for addition and subtraction up to 10. Well done!

Venus: Emmanuel for working very hard to understand addition and subtraction.

Mars: Jayson for making some sensible estimates when measuring, using centimeters and meters.

Planet Earth: Sanusi for trying hard to measure using cm.

Galaxy: Victoria for not giving up when doing tricky Math's work.

Saturn: Bevelyn for trying very hard to complete her bar chart in Math's.

Jupiter: Ralph for great graph work, especially constructing bar charts.

Supernova: Nuraz For excellent progress in division this week.

Neptune: Bethany you are taking small steps to increasing your confidence and self-belief in Math's - keep it up!!

Pluto: Amira for working hard to understand our new topic on graphs.

Aurora: Mariama

Sky: Amina has been working very hard to reason and problem solve.



Champions

Core Value Resilience Years 1 to 2

Class	Name	Reason for Award
<i>Planet Earth</i>	Jimmy	For trying his best and never giving up
<i>Planet Earth</i>	Nathan	For persevering and trying hard with his homework.
<i>Mars</i>	Abdullah	For never giving up when facing a challenge.
<i>Mars</i>	George	For always having a go, and always persevering.
<i>Mercury</i>	Ava	For always trying so hard with her phonics, and never giving up!
<i>Mercury</i>	Latifa	For trying so hard to balance during outdoor play, and not giving up until she succeeded!
<i>Venus</i>	Zhi	Having a positive attitude in class.
<i>Venus</i>	Elmy	Making a positive start in Venus class, and have a good disposition towards her learning.



Champions

Core Value - Resilience Years 3 to 6

Class	Name	Reason for Award
<i>Jupiter</i>	Cairo	For persevering with his work, even when he finds it hard.
<i>Jupiter</i>	Huda	For working hard in all her lessons
<i>Saturn</i>	Erick	For always having a go and never giving up.
<i>Saturn</i>	Jenai	For trying hard in her English, even if it was challenging.
<i>Supernova</i>	Rozzena	For working hard during lessons this week.
<i>Supernova</i>	Quinten	For showing excellent independence in English.
<i>Galaxy</i>	George	For showing great stamina in his English work this week.
<i>Galaxy</i>	Augustina	For persevering with her Math's, even when she found it difficult.
<i>Neptune</i>	Raina	No matter the subject or lesson, you try your best and do not give up. Keep on going!!
<i>Neptune</i>	Al-Ameen	You have kept on trying with all the things we do at Grange, and you do not give up - very impressive!!
<i>Pluto</i>	Mona	For showing the value of resilience by working extremely hard to learn new and challenging topics, (and in a new language!). Well done!
<i>Pluto</i>	Daawood	For showing the value of resilience by giving his all to his learning, and never giving up.
<i>Aurora</i>	Whole Class	For amazing focus, hard work and energy during our week at IntoUniversity! So proud of you all!
<i>Sky</i>	Riley	Has shown the value of resilience by changing his mind-set, to be a more positive one to allow him to succeed.
<i>Sky</i>	Jake	has shown the value of resilience this week, by overcoming obstacles that he has found a challenge.



School Info & Events



First name	Class	New Age
Mohamed	Sun 2	4
Saihaan	Planet	7
George	Venus	6
Munachi	Galaxy	9
Destiny	Aurora	11
Zain	Sun 1	4
Fatima	Pluto	10

Attendance

We have awarded all children with 100% attendance for this half term. They will be bringing home a certificate today. Well done to you all!

Attendance is improving, but as a school we are still regularly below national average. Please continue to check the ladder to see where you fit! Our whole school attendance needs to be above 95.3% every week!

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Attendance



Week Commencing
Monday 11th October 2021

School Year Autumn Term 1 2021	Class	%
Attendance	Whole School	95.1%
KS1 Winner	Planet Earth	99.3%
KS2 Winner	Neptune	98.2%
Punctuality Winner	Venus	98.8%
Punctuality Winner	Galaxy	99.2%
Mars		96.3%
Punctuality		96.7%
Planet Earth Punctuality		98.3%
Jupiter		93.6%
Punctuality		93.6%
Mercury		89.0%
Punctuality		97.5%
Saturn		95.4%
Punctuality		96.2%
Supernova		94.5%
Punctuality		97.5%
Galaxy		93.3%
Neptune Punctuality		97.7%
Pluto		93.8%
Punctuality		94.8%
Aurora		92.1%
Punctuality		95.5%
Sky		98.0%
Punctuality		97.0%



Important School Reminders!!



Punctuality

We will be closing the gate at 9:00am (when our last Year Group enters the building).

Any child arriving after this time; will need to enter through the school office and register a late mark - AND GIVE A REASON FOR THE LATENESS.

Coats

As the weather is changing, we urge you to provide a coat for your child for school.

We want to ensure children are out in the fresh air as much as possible, so they need to be wrapped up warm.

Please remember to label your child's items so they do not get lost.



AT THE END OF THE DAY (Important Messages)

1)
A child will be registered LATE after school from 3:30pm. You will be called to be informed that your child will be looked after at the AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION, and a charge of up to £11.00 will be incurred for the day.

2)
If you have a different collection arrangement at the end of the day, you must call the school office NO LATER THAN 2:00pm to inform us of this change.

We cannot guarantee a message can be relayed in time, when we receive messages late in the day.



New School Start Times

As from Monday 27th September we will be commencing the new START and FINISH TIMES

**Reception/ Year 1 & Year 2:
8:45am to 3:05pm**

**Years 3 & 4:
8:50am to 3:10pm**

**Years 5 & 6:
8:55am to 3:15pm**

**Clubs will start at 3:15pm to 4:15pm
except the **Drumming Club finishes at 4:30pm.****



Parent/Carer Info & Support



OPEN MORNINGS – Primary Intake 2022

Our Reception Open Mornings are led by **the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher and the Early Development Lead.**

They include an informative session, followed by a tour of the school, and last approximately an hour.

Open Sessions Sessions

Thursday, 4th November, 9.15 Refreshments, start at 9.30am

Thursday, 25th November, 9.15 Refreshments, start at 9.30am

Friday, 3rd December, 9.15 Refreshments, start at 9.30am

Book through the school office on:

office@grange.southwark.sch.uk

Tel: 02077716121

We look forward to meeting you soon!



Parent/Carer Info & Support

Free Food Parcel/Vouchers

Do I need to apply for a free school meal?
No, **but you do need to let us know if you think you may be entitled to benefits-related free school meals (FSM).**

It's important that you register for free school meals, if you think your child may be eligible, as it will enable us to receive additional funding via the Pupil Premium, totalling £1,320 per child.

This additional government funding is used by the school to help children to make the best possible progress they can and to provide additional resources and educational experiences that they may not otherwise have access to.




During lockdown, we were able to provide families with food vouchers due to their entitlement.

REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

To keep ourselves, families, and the community safe:

-  Get vaccinated if you are eligible
-  Keep social distancing and avoid crowded areas if possible
-  Wear a face covering (unless exempt) in crowded places and on public transport
-  Wash your hands regularly or use sanitiser
-  If you have symptoms, stay at home and book a test at: nhs.uk/coronavirus
-  Meet outside, or ventilate rooms for indoor visitors
-  Check in at venues for test and trace

Check the latest COVID-19 information: gov.uk/coronavirus
Visit southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus or sign up to our digital newsletter at southwark.gov.uk/followus

 @b_southwark  facebook.com/southwarkcouncil  @southwarkcouncil



Keeping in Touch



We are on Twitter and Instagram!

Please follow us and take a look at some of the great work and activities the children have completed each week!

Instagram: [grangeprimaryschoolse1](https://www.instagram.com/grangeprimaryschoolse1)

Twitter: [@growwithgrange](https://twitter.com/growwithgrange)

Both sites can be accessed via our school website

<https://grange.southwark.sch.uk/>