

Reception Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1, 2023

Welcome to Grange Primary to all of our new parents, and welcome back to those who came from Grange nursery. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
The Reception team

Moon Class - Naomi, Christina, Massah and Stephanie. Star class - Huw, Emma, Mahira and Stephanie.

Topic

Our class topic this half term is 'All About Me'. We will use the focus of Teddy's birthday as a lead in to sharing facts about ourselves.

English (reading and writing)

During our whole class teaching sessions we will be learning about birthdays. We will be sharing Teddy's Birthday, Snappy Birthday, When's my birthday? and How to have a birthday. We will be thinking about when we were born, what season we were born in and how we celebrate our birthdays. We will be writing our names, labelling our pictures and writing short sentences.

We will be starting phonics with initial sound and rhyming. We will move on to recognise letter sounds and write these letters. As the term progresses, we will be segmenting, blending and starting to read words and short sentences.

Maths

In maths, we will be working on subitising (recognising without counting), numbers up to 5. We will focus on counting accurately up to and past 10. We will also be learning to spot pairs, sort objects, compare amounts, sizes, mass and capacities. We will practice making simple patterns.

Physical development

We will be focusing on both gross and fine motor skills this half term. For gross motor, we will start by learning how to use our equipment safely. We will move on to completing obstacle courses with A frames, crates, tyres and hoops, balancing on various apparatus, and practice making different shapes with our bodies. Our fine motor skills will be developed by using a range of small tools, scissors, paintbrushes, cutlery, pens and pencils, tweezers and pegs.

Communication and language

This term we will be working on using our words when we feel unhappy, expressing our ideas and feelings. Sharing facts about our pasts and asking questions about other peoples. This will link to our All About Me topic.

Art/DI

Our art focus will link to our topic, All About Me. We will paint self-portraits and then work on our drawing techniques, focusing on Picasso.

PSHE

The focus this half term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will learn the names of our new friends, talk about how we are similar and different, recognise our feelings, explore working with others, discuss having gentle hands and feet, and learn our school rules and responsibilities.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30: Phonics
9:30-11:00: Independent learning time with teacher lead activities.
11:00-11:30: Maths
LUNCH
12:30-13:00: Topic
13:00-15:00: Independent learning time with teacher lead activities and snack.
15:00-15:20: Story time
15:20 - 15:30: Ready for home.

Dates for the diary:

18.09.23 - Baseline assessment starts

Look out for information about parents evening just before half term.

23.10.23 - 27.10.23 - Half term holiday