

Welcome to Reception



Dear parents/carers

Welcome to back to Reception! We hope you have had a fantastic Half Term and are looking forward to getting stuck in with your learning!

This half-term, your topic is called **Amazing Adventures Under the Sea!** We will be looking at lots of different creatures that live under the sea and exploring interesting facts!

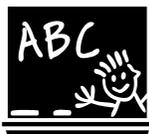
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to pop in for a chat and we will be more than happy to speak to you. If you would prefer, an appointment can be made.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barnett (Class teacher)
and Miss Pickering (Teaching assistant)



Some Important Reminders...



Attendance and Punctuality. Please ensure that your child arrives on time for school. The doors open at 9am. Good **attendance and punctuality** is important, as it has a direct effect on learning. Children should not take time-off unless absolutely necessary. We are aiming for 98%-100% - please play your part in helping us to meet this ambitious target!

End of the Day. School finishes at 3.15pm. All children must be collected by an adult. It is important that you inform us if someone new is collecting your child. If they are unknown to us we may not allow your child to go with them. If you are late collecting your child (3:25pm) please go to the office.

Uniforms and Coats. We would be grateful if these could be clearly named. Please ensure children bring a coat to school everyday, even if the weather appears warm and sunny. Please ensure your child comes to school with spare clothes in case of accidents or getting messy during play. Children should also bring in fresh water everyday in their water bottles.

Reading. Please make sure you are reading with your child at least three times a week and when you have read please sign their blue reading records. The more you read with your child the more confident and able they will become. Their book will be changed when they have read at least three times and are more confident and fluent with their current book.

PE. This term, P.E. lessons will be on a Tuesday morning. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit, including comfortable black plimsolls or trainers. No jewellery should be worn on P.E. days and long hair should be tied back. To see our full uniform policy please visit our school website:
www.grangetown.sunderland.sch.uk

School Website and Tapestry journals. We have lots of information on our school website. We have a Reception page where we will put on photos and updates. Please also remember to log in and check your child's Tapestry online learning journal as all observations and photos are posted on there. If you need support accessing the website or Tapestry, please see a member of staff.

This term 'Learning Theme' (topic) is Under the Sea. We will be thinking about what lives under the sea, and what makes these creatures special.

Literacy.

We will be looking closely at rhyming and patterns within stories. We'll be making our own version of some of our sea themed stories, and continue to use Monster phonics to improve our reading and writing skills. We will be moving to writing more independently this term while still remembering all our writing rules

Maths.

This term we will be exploring patterns, counting on and counting backwards from 20, we will be doubling numbers and learning a very catchy tune to help us! We will also be looking at sharing and halving numbers, which numbers are odds and even numbers.

Understanding the World.

This term we Are going to our ICT room and we will be learning about the different parts of a computer and what the different uses of the different parts are. We will be thinking about how we have changed since Nursery and how we are changing going into Year 1!

Expressive Arts and Design.

This term we will be experimenting with colours, textures and designs. We will be painting sea creatures using different media and even performing dances and musical accompaniment to classical music.

Physical Development (Inc. PE).

A big focus this term will be handwriting, focusing on size of letters and continuing to use our peursive handwriting style. Within our PE lessons we will look at working with others so we can get better at sports and games in our PE Lessons.

Communication and Language.

This term we will be having lot of discussions about our stories, looking in detail at them and discussing opinions and surrounding texts. We will be asking questions and encouraging the children to be asking their own questions and explaining answers in more detail.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Our Jigsaw topic this term is 'Changing Me'. We will be focusing on growing up, what changes we are experiencing in our bodies, how we can respect our bodies and that of others and how we can manage our big emotions that we might be feeling.

Ideas for activities to complete at home



- Make sure your child is as independent as possible - let them try and take their jumpers on and off etc.
- Help your child read their individual reading book each week: talk about the pictures, think about what might happen next.
- Read other texts at home with your child such as story books, magazines, labels on food packaging, signs in the environment.
- When going to the shops, let your child make a shopping list!
- When practising letter formations make it fun! Use sand, shaving foam, cream, flour etc to write in!
- Encourage children to read their name on sight. This will be useful for finding their pegs and trays.
- Maths should be learnt in a practical manner e.g. counting the stairs to bed and socks into the washing machine, recognising numbers on buses and doors and so on.
- Play games which allow your child to take turns such as snap or any board game.
- If you have an iPad, some fantastic apps which aid learning are; Comic life, twinkl phonics, beebot, sand write, magnetic letters.
- Finally, school can be tiring! Please ensure that your child gets enough sleep. Bedtime and morning routines are key to a productive and enjoyable day.

GPS on Social Media



We have 3 social media accounts that you can follow to keep up with what your child is doing. Our 3 accounts are:

Facebook: @grangetownprimary

Twitter: @Grangetown_PS

Instagram: grangetown_ps (to re-launch Sep 2022)