

Homework

At Grange Primary School, we care about our children's independence and well-being. Pupils will have their weekly homework to be given in every Wednesday.

In addition, they will have their half termly project choice. They will receive a 'What will you choose to do?' document. The children can choose which projects they wish to complete. This will be ready in the children's homework folder to view.

The children will also receive a range of maths; English, spelling and grammar homework extending their knowledge from weekly lessons.

Currently, there is a series called 'Galapagos' being televised on the BBC which links to our unit by Sir David Attenborough. Episodes can be found on BBC iplayer to watch.

Coming up...

Animal Man: Friday 11th January

Local Artist workshops: Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th

NSPCC Number day: Friday 1st February

Arthog week: 4th- 8th February

Internet Safety day

Shakespeare Week: 25th February-29th February

New Year!

On behalf of all the Phase 4 staff, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for the thoughtful gifts you gave us at the end of last term – they were much appreciated.

Grange Primary School



Phase 4

Spring 1 Termly Overview

Staff Members:

Yew Class:

- Mrs Perrins
- Mrs Jew
- Mrs Beddoes

Maple Class:

- Miss Holmes
- Mrs Rycroft
- Mrs Roberts
- Mrs Carpenter

Beech Class:

- Mr Evans
- Mrs Evans
- Mrs Hatton
- Mrs Cotton

Reminders

- Phase 4 PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Kits will be expected in school every Monday, and then taken home to be washed on Friday.
- It is an expectation that the children read at least 4 times weekly outside of school.
- We also ask you to ensure your children wear correct uniform and arrive at school smart and punctual at all times.

English



The children embark on an exciting adventure with Charles Darwin and his crew on the HMS Beagle. During this exploration, the children will be writing a range of genres including diaries, letters and explanation. The children will explore a range of grammatical styles and sentence structures by making close links to the National Curriculum. These include using the subjunctive, formal tone and causal conjunctions.

How to help your child at home:

[Please visit Purple Mash for spelling practice](#)

[Read theory or Purple Mash for additional reading](#)

[Reading texts list on Darwin's Delight](#)

Maths

Throughout this term, the children will be taught fractions, decimals and percentages in Year 6. In Year 5, pupils will be practising all four operations and problems involving measures.

How to help your child at home: All children should know times tables up to 12 x 12 and corresponding facts. Just 5 minutes time a day will keep these fresh. Purple Mash also has a lot of support.

Topic: Darwin's Delight



Ship ahoy! We're off on an exciting journey with Charles Darwin and his crew on the HMS Beagle. During this half term, we're going to investigate a range of animal specimens, describing the characteristics of the creatures, and labelling their body parts using software. We'll use a range of non-fiction books to investigate adaptation, natural selection, variation and inheritance. After examining letters and journal entries written by Darwin, we'll write our own examples. We'll collect natural items and discover what plants live around our school. We'll retrace Darwin's steps using maps and create sketchbooks to record the plants, flowers and trees we encounter. Using maps and globes, we'll plan an expedition. What will the weather be like and what physical and man-made features might we encounter? At the end of the ILP, we'll think about why the Galapagos Islands developed such diverse animal life, and why they might be under threat. We'll also think about what Darwin would have worked on if he were alive today. How would he use our technology?

ILP focus	Science
English	Labelling, journals, diaries, letters, explanations, newspaper reports
Science	Evolution and inheritance, living things and their habitats
Art & design	Creating sketchbooks, observational drawing
Computing	Online research, morphing animations, understanding computer networks
Geography	Using maps, geographical similarities and differences, islands of the world
History	Significant individuals – Charles Darwin and Mary Anning
PSHE	Taking responsibility

Help your child prepare for their project Charles Darwin was a world-renowned naturalist, geologist and physicist, and we're going to follow in his footsteps. Why not collect samples of plant life from your garden and see if you can identify them?

You could make detailed sketches of the plants you find, just like Darwin. Alternatively, visit a museum that has fossils on display. What can you learn about the animals from which they were formed?