Grange Primary School

Reception Autumn 2 2026

Celebrations



Communication and Language

We will continue to:

- Try our best to talk clearly and take turns in conversations.
- Listen carefully to our teachers and other adults, as well as our friends.
- Ask questions.

We will also:

- Learn lots of new words.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will:

- Respect our friends and all the adults who help us.
- Continue to ask for help when we need it.
- Follow the daily routine and remember the school rules (Ready, Respectful, Safe).
- Remember and learn more about how to eat healthily, but know that during celebrations we can eat treats.
- Get better at doing our coats up, and putting on our hats and gloves as it gets colder.

Literacy

We will:

- Enjoy lots of different stories including Kipper's Birthday and The Nativity, and also explore information books about celebrations.
- Use our phonics to help us write for different purposes including cards, lists and invitations.
- Continue our phonics programme (ELS) and read simple words, captions and sentences.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop:

- Our small muscles; particularly during handwriting sessions and when using scissors.
- Our large muscles; particularly during our morning exercise sessions and weekly P.E. lessons by focusing on a range of skills including ball skills and hopping.

Maths

We will be learning about:

- Weight and comparing the weights of different everyday objects.
- The days of the week and what we do at different times of day.

We will also:

- Focus in more depth on the numbers 1-5 including their composition, for example that 5 is equal to 5+0, 4+1 and 3+2.
- Learn more about 2D shapes including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.

Understanding the World

We will:

- Learn about different festivals and celebrations which happen at this time of year including Diwali and Christmas.
- Make a healthy vegetable soup.
- Notice how the weather and seasonal changes affect the world around us.

Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

Playing and exploring

Investigating

Exploring

'Having a go'

Active learning

Concentrating

Keeping on trying if they encounter difficulties

Enjoying achievements

Creating and thinking critically

Having and developing their own ideas

Making links

Developing strategies for doing things

Expressive Art and Design

We will:

- Choose and use a range of different materials including clay, paint and glitter!
- Be busy in our role play areas – talking, taking turns, being imaginative and using our knowledge from other areas of learning.
- Perform in a Christmas show!