



Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Friday, 30th January 2026



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week at Grange this week. The leadership team have enjoyed watching science lessons across the school and have been really impressed with the children's knowledge about the human body, shadows, woodland animals and plants. Make sure you ask your child what they have been learning in science this week! It was great to see so many children excited by our Friday slumber party. We promise if you didn't get a ticket this time we will run the event again next half of term.

Parent Workshops / Events

This term we will be running the following parent workshops. Please add the dates to your diaries.

6th Feb – EYFS Number Day celebration event

11th Feb – yr 1 phonics screening check – DATE CHANGE

13th Feb – Whole school Tutorial Day

Oracy tips of the week!

- Model Good Listening: Give your full attention, make eye contact, and ask follow-up questions to show the value of conversation.
- "Word of the Day": Introduce new, complex words during daily conversation to expand vocabulary.
- Record and Review: Use a phone to record a "video diary" or a story, allowing children to listen to their own voice and articulation.
- Remove Screens: Turn off the TV during meals to prioritize face-to-face interaction.

Tutorial Day

Please remember to book your appointment for our tutorial day which is due to take place on Friday 13th February. Please read the letter carefully as this is a great opportunity for you to meet at length with your child's teacher and find out about ways to support them at home.

National Story Telling Week

Next week is National Story Telling Week. Children will be telling stories, listening to stories and writing stories. You are invited in on Thursday 5th Feb in the afternoon at 3pm to speak to your child's class and share your story. Share something about your life and how that has shaped you to be the person you are today. Please let the office know by Wednesday 4th Feb at 3pm if you wish to come and share Your story with the class.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Online Gaming

This week's tip is about online gaming – children LOVE spending time on devices playing games. They are a really fun way to spend time and connect with friends and family. But which games are most suitable for different age groups? What risks might children be exposed to? How can we best support our children to get the most out of online gaming while staying safe? Internet Matters has some excellent resources to support parents around these and many other common questions: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

Class Oracy Assemblies

We are excited to invite you to our class oracy assembly next week on Monday 2nd Feb. This week Neptune class will hold their special oracy assembly. This assembly will focus on presenting skills. We will be supporting your children when speaking in front of an audience by teaching them about stance, voice projection, clarity of voice and tone and performing to an audience. The assembly will last between 10 – 15minutes and we welcome parents from the performing class to attend.

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 6th February

Next Friday we will be celebrating National Number Day. We will be asking that your child comes to school dressed as their favourite number. Be creative, make a costume including numbers, a dice, domino, a calculator. Dress in numbers; football shirts, rugby shirts, birthday tops
Dress as a number block!!
During the day the children will be baking focussing on numbers on measuring jugs, scales, trays, ingredients and much more. Baked goods will be sold at the end of the day to raise money for the NSPCC, all goods will cost 50p -£1 so bring spare change! For more information about this event please click the link. [Number Day](#)

We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week. See you on Monday at **8.50am**.

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality

Spring Term Attendance



School year: Spring Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Planet Earth	97.1%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Aurora	100%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Planet Earth	97.1%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Sky	100%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Moon	93.3	100
Star	96.7	76.7
Venus	95.2	94.8
Mars	94.5	86.5
Planet Earth	97.1	97.1
Jupiter	99.0	93.8
Galaxy	97.8	85.7
Supernova	97.4	97.9
Neptune	96.6	95.2
Aurora	96.1	100
Sky	100	94.8
Weekly attendance:		94%

Dates for the Diary

Important DATE!

31 st - 8 th Feb 26	National Story Telling Week
06/02/26	Number Day
06/02/26	Early Years celebration morning - Number
WB 9/2/26	Children's mental health week
WB 9/2/26	Classes to learn about Lunar New Year (17.2.26)
10/2/26	Safer Internet Day
11/2/26	Phonics screening parent morning - yr 1
13/2/26	Tutorial Day - school closed for children
Half Term	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

House Winners

Tim PEAKE		615
Stephanie WILSON		565
Neil ARMSTRONG		616
Helen SHARMAN		592
Bernard HARRIS		728



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Aurora Class**
 School's total points: **77,367**



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Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "slumber". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: slumber Word Class (noun / verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables (slum-ber)

Definition:
Slumber or sleep is the natural state of rest in which your eyes are closed, your body is inactive, and your mind does not think.



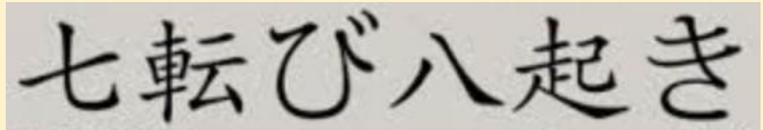
Mr Jones fell into a deep slumber at his desk.

Synonym: snooze, doze
Antonym: wake-up, conscious
Prefix / Suffix: -ing, -ed
Rhyme: number, lumber
Link Words: deep, broken

Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was "Resilience". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

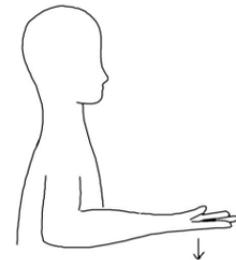
"Fall seven times, stand up eight"



Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

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Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Age	Class
Inas	Planet Earth	7
Muhammed	Neptune	10
Ibtisam	Mars	7
Alina	Aurora	11
Rubie	Galaxy	9
Lorenzo	Venus	7
Nabila	Aurora	11



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



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Class Gallery

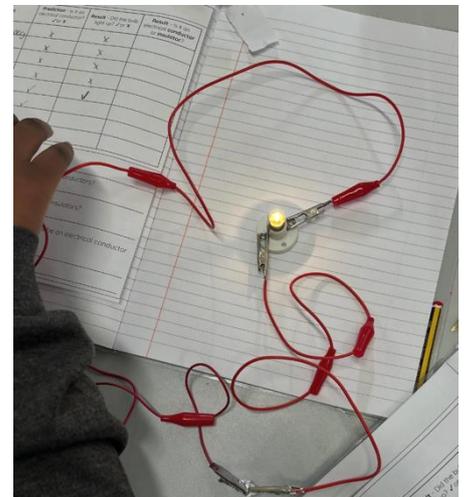
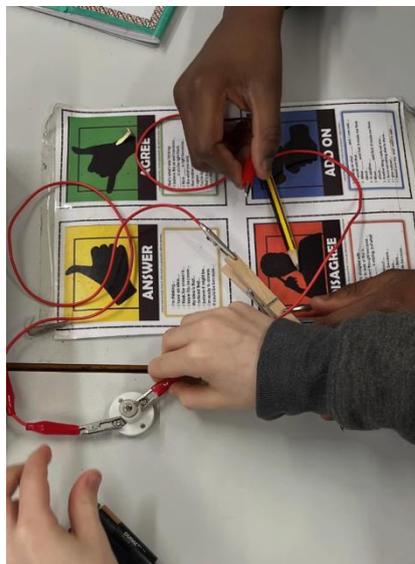
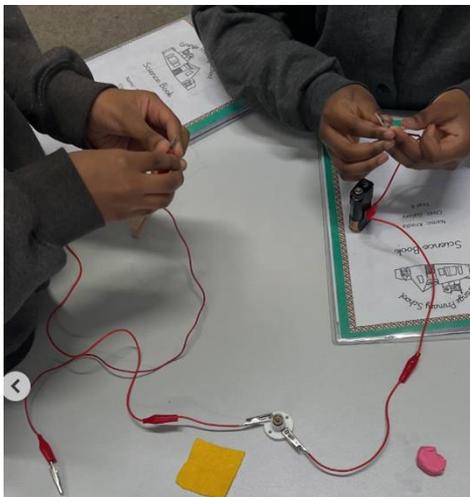
Year 5 – Neptune Class

Neptune class enjoyed their first ukulele lesson this week!



Year 4 – Galaxy Class

Galaxy class tested materials to see which are conductors and which are insulators 
Hands-on learning, bright ideas, and lots of excitement when the bulb lights up!





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Resilience**
Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
VENUS	Mina	For trying super hard this week with her speaking and writing in full sentences.
EARTH	Talha	For trying super hard each lesson to complete his work set
MARS	Grace	For always wanting to improve her work
Class	Writer of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Anabia	For writing a sentence using all her taught sounds and environment for support.
EARTH	Khadijah	For using interesting adjectives to create expanded noun phrases
MARS	Amelia	For her growing independence with her writing
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Kamaldeen	For explaining what he knows about the number 11.
EARTH	Tiana	For an amazing description of 3D shapes
MARS	Luciana	For her fabulous reasoning and explanations
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
VENUS	Dahen	For using his phase 5 taught sounds to read words confidently in our phonic lessons.
EARTH	Mohammed	For making excellent progress in his reading this week!
MARS	Hunter	For practising his reading more at home



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Resilience**
Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Yosof	For his brilliant first week at Grange and really modelling the value by facing all new things with a smile.
GALAXY	Princess	For always trying very hard!
SUPERNOVA	Zane	For not giving up and challenging himself with his learning!
NEPTUNE	Mica	For trying her best and never giving up.
AURORA	Alice	For always trying her best!
SKY	Ruby	For showing resilience in maths when finding the area of triangles.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Hannan	For writing his brilliant extended writing this week.
SUPERNOVA	Hana	For writing a creative plan for her sequel to Fridnleswyld
GALAXY	Samyra	A great start to her story in English!
NEPTUNE	Joseph	For trying hard to improve his presentation.
AURORA	Alina	For using brilliant vocabulary
SKY	Alpha	Using a range of parenthesis in his writing
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Intisar	For her fantastic effort and progress in maths.
GALAXY	Yalldah	For trying really hard with division this week!
SUPERNOVA	Yana	for working hard to divide 3-digit numbers this week.
NEPTUNE	Aya	For trying hard to add mixed fractions.
AURORA	Valentine	For his excellent work on calculating the area
SKY	Angel	For using mathematical terminology and including great detail when answering reasoning questions
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Karim	For his confident reading and detailed answers during our reading session.
GALAXY	Issam	Great reading out loud in our guided reading lessons
SUPERNOVA	Woomy	For always being enthusiastic about reading!
NEPTUNE	Muhammed	Excellent effort in reading regularly.
AURORA	Yassin	For his excellent reading of the Odyssey
SKY	Ayaat	For reading out loud confidently

Parent/ Carer Information and Support

To encourage healthy eating in packed lunch boxes and snacks after school we will be publishing a healthy recipe each week.

This week we thought you would enjoy;

Egg mayonnaise and lettuce bap recipe

Eggs are a great source of protein for kids that are growing. This works well in a lunchbox with some cherry tomatoes and a fruit snack pot.

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 12 mins

Ingredients

- 1 egg
- 1 level tablespoon reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- large pinch of black pepper
- 1 large wholemeal bap
- small wedge of lettuce, to give 2 tablespoons when shredded
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Method

1. Place the egg in a small saucepan covered with water, bring to the boil and cook for 10 minutes. Plunge in cold water and leave to cool (cook the egg the night before to save time in the morning rush).
2. Remove shell and mash the egg with the mayonnaise and pepper.
3. Use to fill the bap, topping with the lettuce.

Information: Try cress or baby spinach instead of the lettuce. Pat it dry before adding to the bap, to avoid soggy bread.



Fizz Free February 2026



Drinking fewer fizzy drinks can significantly cut down your sugar intake. This is a great way to improve your health.

You can save up to £700 a year if you stop drinking 1 500ml bottle of branded soft drink a day for a year (based on figures from a leading supermarket as of January 2025).

We challenge you to reduce or give up fizzy drinks for the whole of February. This can help you on your way to drinking less sugary drinks the rest of the year.