

Our theme this term is...

What a Wonderful World

How to support your child at home

Read a range of books and home and talk about what parts they liked best and why.
Visit the library and choose books to share — let us know your recommendations!

As historians and scientists we will: (EYFS The World)

- Use observation skills to explore toys from the past and the present.
- Use the correct words for different parts of the body.
- Consider differences in animals and humans and how we might classify them.

As readers and writers we will:

- Look at a range of stories about children and toys these use orally storytelling skills.
- Read 1:1 and in small groups, talking about what we have read
- Look at initial sounds (EYFS) and Phase 5 sounds (Y1)
- Make marks for a purpose (EYFS)
- Write simple sentences using our phonic knowledge for support.
- Focus on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. (Y1)

As programmers we will: (EYFS Technology)

- Use simple programmable toys safely and sensibly
- Use the iPad to create pictures/marks
- Tell stories using the voice recorder

As mathematicians we will:

- Develop our understanding of numbers 1-10 (EYFS) and 1-50 (Y1)
- Recognise patterns and shape
- Measure and compare the weight, length and height of objects
- Count in multiplies of 2, 5 and 10 and begin to understand multiplication.

As designers we will: (EYFS Media and Materials)

- Design an attractive puppet considering materials and embellishments we will use, and how we will attach them.
- We will be making a puppet with different materials.

RE/EYFS People and Communities

Our focus is Incarnation. We will look at why Jesus is important to Christians and discuss Christmas around the world.

P.E/EYFS: Physical Development

Our focus is gym - we will be developing basic movement skills and how to link those movements. We will work on agility balance and co-ordination.

PSHE/EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

Our topic is Family and Friends.

We will help the children to develop positive friendships and model what this looks like. We will also talk about safe adults and trust.

MUSIC/EYFS Nativity)

Children will be learning a range of songs and dances for the KS1 Nativity. They will be given different roles and responsibilities within the Nativity which will encourage children to develop both in music, dance and drama.

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to EYFS/Year 1 at The Grove. We hope you had a nice half term and are enjoying the last of the autumn sunshine! We have had a nice week settling the children back into school, going over classroom routines and expectations. So far the children have been enjoying the tale of Little Red Riding Hood and we are getting ready to introduce them to some exciting and new high quality texts.

Please take time to look at the learning map on the other side of this letter which provides more information about what the children will be learning in different areas of the curriculum and gives an idea of how you could support them at home. If you would like further information or have any queries or concerns then please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Please continue to read with your child every night if possible, even if only for 10 minutes. Signing the reading record once a week is all that is required, but please do so more if it encourages your child to read with you. If you need help with reading, please do come and speak to us. We are happy for children to read picture books at home, as long as they continue to show interest in their reading!

As you may be aware, the Nativity is soon approaching! Children will come together with Year 2 and begin to learn songs, dances and lines as of this week. The theme of this year's Nativity is Cowboys and Cowgirls, and information about costumes will follow once roles have been allocated. The performances will be on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and Thursday 12th December at 10am. We will provide information about how to book as soon as possible.

The children will continue to have PE on a Tuesday afternoon so please make sure kits are in school. We will be indoors for this session but it is useful to have a pair of trainers for outdoor use in case we choose to go outside.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rattray, Miss Holland and Miss Ryan