

Grange Primary School

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Class Zoom meetings



The first set of Zoom meetings have gone really well and hopefully the children have enjoyed getting to see their teachers and friends— I know the teachers have enjoyed being able to see the children's happy faces and hearing all about their Christmases and remote learning. Thank you for bearing with us while everyone gets used to Zooming!

Please ensure that you have read the policy sent out to all parents regarding Zoom and ensure that you and your child are following the guidance. In particular, please ensure:

- Your child is in a communal space in the house and that you are keeping an eye on the call (please do not let children Zoom from their bedrooms!)
- You/your child do not take photos or videos of the Zoom call—we know that they are enjoying Zoom, but for safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow this.

For most classes, the meeting links and passwords sent out will stay the same each week. If your child is in EYFS, a new link will be sent out to you on Monday.

The class Zoom meetings for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are as follows:

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| • Green - 2:30 | • Willow - 1:00 |
| • Yellow - 2:30 | • Rowan - 2:00 |
| • Red - 1:15 | • Beech - 2:30 |
| • Blue - 2:15 | • Elm - 1:30 |
| • Orange - 1:00 | • Chestnut - 2:00 |
| | • Maple - 2:00 |



The teachers will be thinking of different tasks/games/activities to do during the Zoom meetings. We will email you with details if you need to know anything beforehand.

Bike and scooter storage

You may be aware that in the Autumn term, the children took part in a survey to see how they currently travel to school and how they would like to travel to school. An overwhelming number of children said that they would like to use their bike or scooter, but that they don't because they don't have anywhere to put it during the day. Because of this, we have been looking at ways to get funding for some bike racks and have been allocated £2,000, which we were able to use to buy a 'scooterpod' and a 'minipod'. We are still working on securing additional funding to get more, but are really pleased with the first instalment!



Useful remote learning links

Below are some free learning links you may wish to access:

- Phonics play - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- Oxford Owl has lots of great free books online - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>
- Essex libraries have a scheme called Borrowbox where you can download e-books and audio books for free: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/e-books-e-audio-e-magazines-and-book-groups/e-books-and-e-audio/>
- Oak National Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/>

We will continue to post any free home learning activities we think the children will enjoy on the school Facebook page too, so keep an eye out!

We have subscribed to the Big Cat online book library this week, which will mean that the children can access a range of reading books at home. These are the same reading scheme that we use in school and include phonics reading books for children in EYFS and year 1. As soon as we have the information, we will send out login details and a user guide to all parents.

Assembly and weekly challenges

It was lovely to see that lots of children and families viewed the assembly video on Class Dojo, and hearing about some of the children's New Year's resolutions. Assemblies will continue to be uploaded on a Monday morning and we will share weekly challenges, celebrate successes of the children throughout the week and to catch up on any news.

This week's challenge was again set by (the very creative) Mrs Stead and is all about exploration. There are 4 tasks that the children can choose to complete, which you can see in detail on the next page of the newsletter. These are:

- What would you pack for a journey?
- Plan a journey
- Diary entry or postcard
- Where would you go?



It would be lovely to see the children's challenge work each week and if you would like to send in a photo of your child/family completing the weekly challenge, please send it to:

deputyhead@grange.essex.sch.uk

First aid

Hopefully you saw a post on the school Facebook page this week about a free online first aid course for children. The children who are in school at the moment brought in their teddies and dolls to act as their 'patients' and learned some vital skills in first aid yesterday. We hope that some of the children at home were able to join in with this too



PE

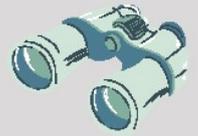
Mrs Stead's husband, who is a personal trainer, has very kindly offered to create PE lesson videos for the children of Grange each week. These will be uploaded to Class Dojo on a Monday morning on the school page and each week will have a theme. This week's theme is the Olympics - we would love to see photos of the children (and families) joining in with the PE lessons on Class Dojo. Each week the PE video will be put on the school website as well. Just follow this link: <https://www.grange-primary.co.uk/remote-learning> and click on 'Weekly PE sessions' at the bottom of the page. This page will go live on Monday morning.

Exploration

creative challenge

What would you pack?

Draw all the things you would take with you if you were going on an adventure.



Plan a Journey

If you could explore anywhere in the world where would you go?
Where would you stay?
How would you get there?



Diary entry or postcard.

What amazing things will you see and do on your adventure?



Where would you go?

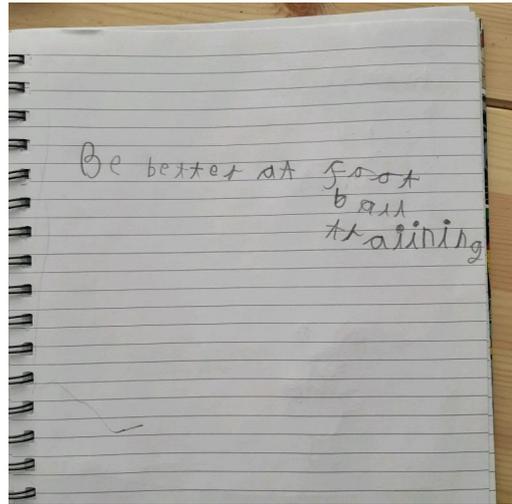
Create a picture of the place you would explore, paint, draw or maybe a 3d model.



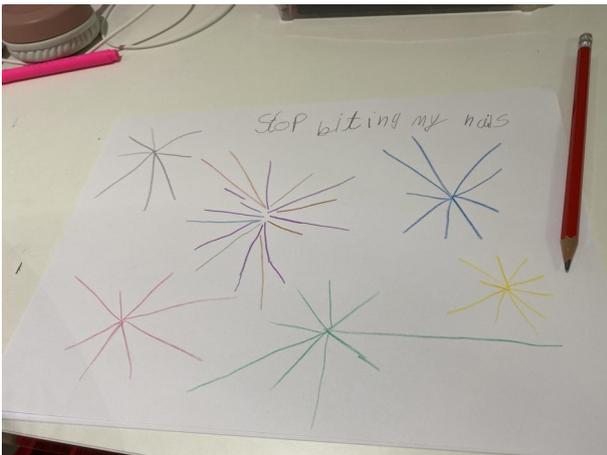
New Year's Resolutions



Aidan is going to help clean out and feed his rabbit, Twix.



Harry wants to get better at football training.

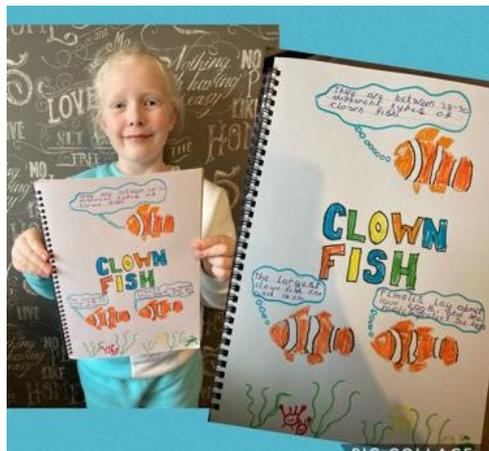


Sienna is going to stop biting her nails.

Weekly challenge



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Year 6 prefects

Some of new year 6 prefects wearing their badges proudly. Well done everyone!

