

Grange Primary School

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We have made it to the end of another very busy half term - and what fun we have had! There have been fantastic launch day activities, trips and visitors, sporting events, parents' evenings and much, much more! We are always incredibly impressed with how hard each and every one of the children at Grange works and are so proud of everything they have achieved so far this year. In the summer term, there is lots to be excited about and we are looking forward to having the children back on Monday 13th April to start the summer term.

Next term we have year 6 SATs, the year 1 phonics assessments and year 4 times tables tests and know that the children are going to give it their all!

We hope that everyone in the Grange community has a happy and healthy Easter break. As always, please do not contact the class teachers on ClassDojo over the break, but feel free to email Miss Langley on deputyhead@grange.essex.sch.uk if there is something you need to talk to us about.



Easter house reward

The children in Fire had great fun at their house reward today. EYFS, year 1 and 2 took part in an Easter egg hunt, finding clues to hunt down the Easter bunny. Years 3-6 took part in a real-life game of Cluedo, where they had to visit different areas of the school to solve the school-based mystery. It turns out it was Mrs Hayward on the gym equipment and Mrs Titheradge with the chickens!



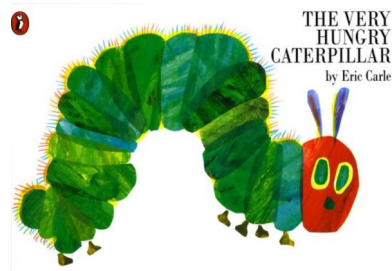
Our learning after Easter

After half term, the children will be starting their new topics and beginning to read their new class stories. Below is everything we will be learning!

EYFS: The circle of life!

All about animals and life cycles

School trip - Barleylands Farm.

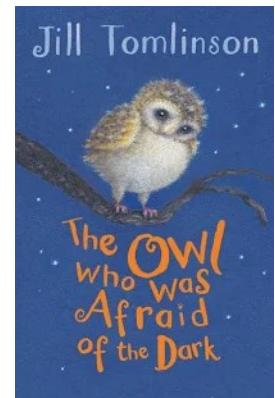


Year 1 and 2: Here and there

Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?

'The owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson

Event—Exotic animal encounter.

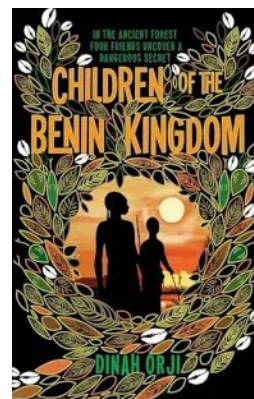


Year 3 and 4: Kingdom of bronze

The Benin Kingdom.

'Children of the Benin Kingdom' by Dinah Orji.

Event - Benin visitor.

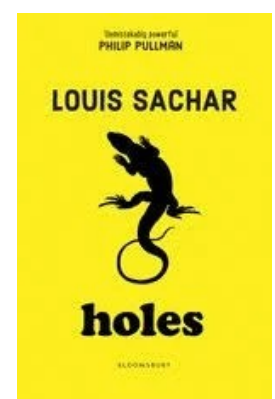


Year 5 and 6: Unheard histories

Who should feature on the £10 banknote?

'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

School trip— Tower of London visit.



More information about all of the trips will be sent home closer to the time. Children will all come home with topic homework linked to their individual topics after the holidays. We always love to see how creative the children (and parents!) are at home—and remember that doing topic homework will help the children to gain points towards their merit badges too!

Clubs next half term

After the Easter holidays, the clubs will be as follows. You should have been sent out links to book onto the clubs already this week.

Monday:

- Dance with Katherine (all years)
- KS2 boys' football (years 3-6)
- KS2 girls' football (years 3-6)



Tuesday:

- Puzzle club with Mrs Townsend (all years)
- Young Carers with Mrs Black (invitation only)
- Art club (all years)
- Drama class with The Drama Centre (year 1 upwards—must be 6)



Wednesday:

- KS1 striking and fielding (EYFS—year 2)
- Gym trail with Mrs Newton (invitation only)
- KS2 computer skills with Mr Pickup (years 3-6)



Thursday:

- Art club (all years)

Friday:

- KS2 striking and fielding (years 3-6)
- Netball (years 5 and 6)



Please note that drama class is new! We have sent out a letter with information today. Bookings must be done through the link on the letter.

More to celebrate!

A big well done to everybody who has received a gold card, certificate or postcard from their class teacher this week!



School dinners

We have adapted our dinner menus and added a third week - a big thank you to everyone who took the time to talk to the children about what they might like on the dinner menu. We have incorporated as many of the suggestions as we could. As you may have noticed, we will no longer be serving crisps with the blue band following government guidance. Children will still have access to all of the vegetables and the fantastic salad cart. We are proud of our dinner menus and feel that children have a wide choice of foods each day. We are keen to ensure that children have a healthy, balanced lunch and will be sending out school expectations for packed lunches after the break. After the Easter break we will be on week 1 of the dinner menu.



Dinner Menu Week 1



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red	Macaroni cheese	Chicken burger Beef burger	Sausage and scrambled eggs	Diced chicken curry (mild or korma)	Chicken nuggets
Green	Pasta with tomato sauce or cheese	Southern-fried quorn burger	Veggie sausage and scrambled eggs	Diced quorn curry (mild or korma)	Quorn nuggets
On the side	Garlic bread	Criss-cross fries	Hash brown, beans and home-made bread	Rice and naan bread	Chips
Veg and salad	A choice of peas, sweetcorn, carrots and beans Salad bar				
Yellow	Jacket potato with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna				
Blue	Baguette with tuna, cheese or ham. Served with a dessert and salad/veggies of your choice.				
Dessert	Coconut and cranberry cookie	Iced school cake	Jelly	Marble cake	Angel delight
	A range of yoghurt and fruit are available each day				

Dates for your diary

March

Monday 30th—
Friday 10th April

Easter holidays. Children return on Monday 12th April



April

Monday 13th

Return to school for launch days
Year 1 and 2 exotic animal encounter



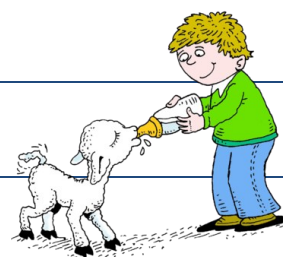
Tuesday 21st

Year 3 and 4 Benin workshops

May

Thursday 7th

EYFS school trip to Barleylands



WB 11th May

KS2 SATs week

Monday 18th

Year 5/6 trip to the Tower of London

Monday 25th—
Friday 29th

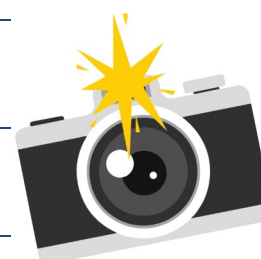
Half term. Children return on Monday 1st June



June

Wednesday 3rd

Class photos



Monday 8th

INSET day - school closed to pupils

Wednesday 10th -
Friday 12th

Year 6 Mersea residential

Friday 12th

Year 5 bush craft day

Thursday 18th

Year 1 and 2 trip to Colchester Castle



Thursday 18th and
Friday 19th

PTA Father's Day sale

Thursday 25th

SEN parents coffee morning



Celebration

We enjoy seeing what the children are proud of outside of school, so please send your photos to Miss Langley!

Amelia received star swimmer at her swimming lessons.



Dolly got her 5 metre swimming badge.



Rudy was awarded Poppet of the week at his drama school.



Riley received his white sash at kung fu.



Jackson moved up a level at swimming.

Rewards and achievements in school

This week's Headteacher awards for **determination**, **co-operation**, **imagination** and **excellence** were awarded to the following children.

EYFS	
Willow J	<i>Excellence</i>
Michael O'C	<i>Imagination</i>
Year 1 and 2	
Freya W	<i>Excellence</i>
Savannah W	<i>Co-operation</i>
Beau H	<i>Determination</i>
Year 3 and 4	
Harry G	<i>Imagination</i>
Zana DT	<i>Co-operation</i>
Sienna-Rae W	<i>Excellence</i>
Year 5 and 6	
Freddie M	<i>Determination</i>
Caitlin B	<i>Excellence</i>
Emmie T	<i>Imagination</i>
Jessica F	<i>Imagination</i>



Well done to our star readers this week, who were awarded a golden coin in assembly and got to choose a book from the vending machine to take home and share with their family:

EYFS and KS1 - Leo L, Beaux F, Freya E, Presley T and Rory H

KS2 - Bear H, Marley R, George C, Samuel A, Logan B and Robin B

A big well done to our attendance winners this week:

Class attendance - spin the wheel! - Holly Class who won a games session

Individual 100% attendance - Caitlin B in Chestnut Class



PTA events



Save the date! We are really excited about the PTA summer fete - Grange Fest - which is taking place on Saturday 27th June. It was a fantastic event last year and we know that it will be fantastic again. Please come along and bring your friends and family to support the PTA - they do so much to support the school and to make the children's school life more exciting.

I'm sure the PTA could do with some helping hands for Grange Fest too, so if you are able to offer some time to support, it would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE

THANK YOU