





Welcome to Saturn class Information for year 5 parents: September 2023



Staff

Class teacher(s): James Keane

Support staff: Jacqui Selwood

Year group Achievement Leader: Aran Tebbutt

Attendance and Punctuality

- Children achieve most when they are in school on time every day. We have a
 whole school target of 97% attendance. A positive and prompt start to the day is
 important for the whole class in order to feel confident, settled and to achieve
 their best
- Our day starts with a meet and greet with the adult welcoming the children into the classroom, late children miss this opportunity and the adult misses the opportunity to touch in with each of the children
- Doors open from 8:45am and children should be in class very soon thereafter
- Children arriving **after 08:55** will be marked late on the register
- If your child is ill or absent due to a dental or medical appointment, please notify the school via ParentMail. Wherever possible please book appointments outside school hours
- Parents must warn the office in advance of early collections
- Percentages for attendance and punctuality across the school are featured in our family assemblies and the school Newsroundup





End of the day

The day ends at 3:25pm for all the children in Reception - year 6: Please collect your child from the area near the front gate (same as last year) Year 5 can walk home alone with permission provided to the office by parents Enrichment opportunities are as normal and available to book on ParentMail. Wrap around care offered, Extend, information on the website

After school enrichment clubs finish at 4:30pm, and the Extend After School club finishes at 5:50pm



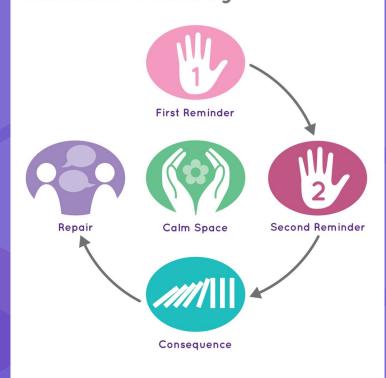
Behaviour for learning

- We have high expectations of children's behaviour in the classroom, when moving around the school and at play and lunchtimes.
- We recognise and celebrate positive behaviours wherever they are seen, using them as a model to inspire and share with others.
- We expect children to follow 'The Grange Park Way' at all times and take responsibility for themselves, others and the environment.
- We have 3 step routines for all transitions and key points in the day to ensure the children understand our expectations and know how to follow them.
- Routines provide a sense of stability and predictability



The Grange Park Way Behaviour Pathway





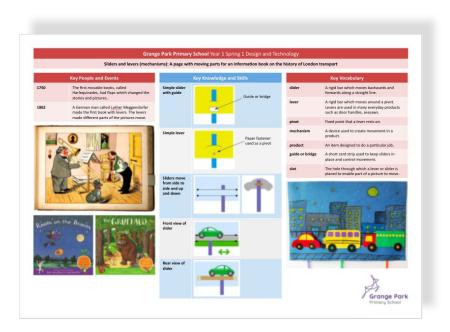
- If children are displaying unwanted behaviours (whether they are instigators or retaliators) we will support them to make positive choices using the Grange Park Behaviour Pathway. If they are unable to meet our expectations there are consistent and fair consequences followed by repair using a restorative approach.
- We expect the children to take ownership of these unwanted behaviours and therefore accept the school's consequences. We expect children to trust that all children involved have been treated consistently and fairly.
- Your support is invaluable in ensuring that children know and understand what is expected of them when in school, and that they accept their role in poor choices that have been made. We also will not necessarily feel that our choices need to be explained in detail as they are consistent and fair according to our behaviour for learning guidelines (found on the school website).
- We will also not discuss other children with yourselves as this does not safequard those children.

We acknowledge positive behaviour by...

Recognition	 Positive notes - Proud Post slip 'Special Mention' in weekly celebration assembly followed by proud post slip Class recognition board Character/Values stickers 'Gotcha' tokens Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher awards
Messages home	Phone callsEmails
Always Star badge	For those children who 'go above and beyond'

Our learning connections

As teachers we understand that learning is most successful when the children have had the
opportunity to make connections with learning they have done in the past and will be doing
in the future. Learning also should be organised and meaningful.







Our topics for this year

Year 5	Striving Civilisations:	Striving Civilisations:	Striving Civilisations:	What a Wonderful	What a Wonderful	What a Wonderful
History/	Anglo Saxons and	Early Islamic Civilisation	Development of the	World: Rivers	World: South America	World: Coastal erosion
Geography	<i>Vikings</i> Why was there a	How did these	British Monarchy How	Understand the key	Countries, capital cities,	and our environment
	struggle between the	civilisations compare to	the role of the monarch	features of rivers, key	key physical and human	Understand the
	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings	the Ancient Islamic	has changed since King	rivers in the UK and	features across the	processes and effects of
	and who won what?	Civilisations?	John	across the globe, and to	continent and a	coastal erosion and
				understand the	comparative study	longshore drift. What are
				importance of rivers in a	between the South East	the problems that face us
				country's development	of the UK and Manaus	in terms of global
					Brazil	warming and
						sustainability?
Year 5	Food: Design, make and	Draw/Paint/Print:	Draw/Paint/Collage: Use	Paint/Collage: 'Water'	More complex switches and circuits: Design and	
Art/D&T	evaluate a Viking stew	Develop skills and create	close observation and a	compositions inspired by	make a prototype fairground ride	
		designs based on Islamic	range of skills to create	David Hockney and		
		Art	portraits of Monarchs	Claude Monet		

The curriculum

We ensure our pupils experience a broad and balanced curriculum and have a long-term memory of an ambitious body of knowledge.

Our coherently planned curriculum uses the National Curriculum as the basis for subject content and expectations. It is planned and sequenced, so that new knowledge and skills build on what has been taught before, towards clearly defined **end points.** It informs what pupils need to know and be able to do to reach those points.

These end points can be found on our website in the curriculum tab.

English - Grange Park Primary School

<u>Mathematics - Grange Park Primary School</u>

Home School Diary and Reading Record (purple books)

- Home School Diaries are used in KS2. These contain support materials for maths, reading, spelling lists, handwriting, recommended reads and question stems to support reading at home
- They also contain all digital logins for the children
- These books need to be in school each day
- These books double up as Magpie Books, providing the children with space to note down interesting phrases spotted in their reading
- This is where parents (or your child depending on their age) should record their child's daily reading, note
 new and tricky words they have read, and where you will find our school word of the week to practise and
 use in everyday conversation.

Week Commencing Date:		
READING LOG		
Book and Date	Comments	Sign



Home School Diary and Reading Record (purple books)

- Children will be sent home with one banded book and one reading for pleasure book
- On a Friday the class will visit the Reading Hub. They will choose one banded book and one reading for pleasure book.
- They should aim to be completing a chapter book every 2-3 weeks.
- Children can send in a birthday book to help us to celebrate their special days. We have labels
 to put inside the book naming the child who donated it. Please speak to us if you want some
 ideas about which books to buy
- For additional information on reading at Grange Park, along with further recommended reads, please visit our <u>website</u>

Home School Diary and Reading Record (purple books)

- At Grange Park we take handwriting and presentation very seriously.
- We use the Nelson Handwriting scheme and you can find some guidance for this in the children's Home School Diary.



Handwriting Checklist

- Are you forming your letters correctly?
- Are any letters too tall or too short?
- ? Are any descenders too long or too curly?
- ? Is there a space between your letters?
- Is there a space between your words?
- Are you making the four joins correctly?
 - Diagonal joins to letters without ascenders
 - ai, ar, un
 - Diagonal joins to letters with ascenders
 - ab, ul, it
 - Horizontal joins to letters without ascenders
 - ou, vi, wi
 - Horizontal joins to letters with ascenders



ol, wh, of



Special events, trips, residentials and visitors

- Viking workshop (Mon 9th Oct 2023), Palmers Green Mosque, (Thurs 7th Dec 2023) Tower of London: 3 Queens Behind (Friday 12th Jan 2024), VIAM (Weds 20th March 2024), Cuffley Camp residential Thursday 18th Friday 19th April and Walton on the Naze.
- Our class assembly in the Round Hall: Friday 5th July 2024
- Remember to look at the News Roundup for dates of all forthcoming events

Parents, please be reminded that while our trips do ask for voluntary contributions, please do contribute as much as you can as trips, workshops and visitors will have to be cancelled if we don't get enough contributions

IT at Grange Park

- In order to succeed in this ever-changing landscape, Connect Education Trust believes that its pupils are going to have to learn new skills later in their life. Roll out of 1:1 Chromebooks in 2020
- IT skills are taught in computing and then used across the curriculum to enhance learning.

 The children use many Apps at school. Some are facilitated by the teacher for example G Suite (Slides, Docs, Sheets, Jamboard, Earth, Drawings and Classroom), Google Expeditions, Nearpod, Flipgrid, ScreenCastify, ThingLink and Adobe Spark, and the children have logins for others:

Apps used by the children (with logins)		
Y1 - Y6	Spelling Shed	
Y1 - Y6	Google Classroom	
Y2 - Y6	TTRS	
Y6	SATs companion	
Y4 & Y5	Mirodo	
Y1	Numbots	

Weekly spelling tests are completed on the Spelling Shed App

Chromebooks

- Must be brought to school daily, fully charged
- Ensure it is treated with care
- Ensure use is monitored at home the chromebooks are for educational purposes only, and to be used by your child only

At school we teach online safety discreetly and through parts of the curriculum, we monitor use and ensure that the equipment is for the sole use of your child. Children are given adequate time off the chromebooks.

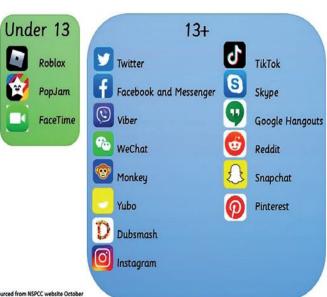


IT safety

Parents, please ensure you are also monitoring your child's IT use on their other personal devices.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?









Forest School at Grange Park

Chloe Goldsmith and Timothy Brooker are qualified Forest School leaders, and they plan for and deliver our Forest School program. They work closely with our teachers who also, at times, deliver the forest school curriculum.

Each year group (Nursery - Y6) has been timetabled over the course of the year. You will be provided with more information prior to your child taking part in Forest School. We are scheduled to be doing Forest School in January



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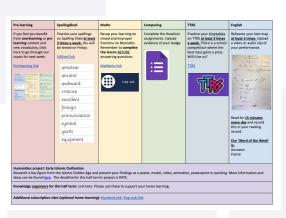
The impact this program has on the children that have already had the experience is significant:

- Our Forest School program is multi-sensory and has supported the improvement of concentration and the motivation to learn.
- Our program has also supported our children to gain more independence and self-confidence.
- Our program has supported their skills to work together and collaborate in group tasks
- It also reduces anxiety and builds resilience
- We have noted the improvement in the children's communication skills.
- Our program also has a significant impact on children with any additional needs.

Home Learning

- Home Learning expectations are also set out very clearly for parents on the website: <u>Home learning guidance</u>
- A home learning timetable is uploaded to the children's Google classroom every week to ensure they are able to navigate with ease

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Humanities	Additional
Year 5	1 Banded book and 1 reading for pleasure book sent home with the children. Record signed daily Monday-Friday.	Mirodo English task set weekly. Word of the week (2 words sent home to be used and practised). Spelling shed spelling set and practised daily.	Mirodo maths task set weekly. Times Table Rock Stars daily practise.	Humanities project set on the Google Classroom.	Weekly knowledge organiser shared with the children and adults. Computing: 3 weekly cycle: Howdou, touch typing, esafety. Throughout the year Growth Mindset and Acts of Kindness home learning can be set. 1 x pre learning task for any subject where it is most relevant. Set weekly (optional).



Resources

Children from Year 1 - Year 6 have been asked to bring their own pencil case and stationary to school. This enables children to take care and have a sense of responsibility for their belongings.

- 1 x Clear pencil case (20cm X 12cm) e.g.<u>Clear Pencil Case</u>
- 1 x A glue stick e.g .<u>Pritt Glue Stick Amazon link</u>
- 3 X HB pencils (Staedtler Noris/Yellow and Black HB) e.g. HB Pencils
- 1 x Purple pen (ball point) <u>Purple Pens</u>
- 3 x Whiteboard pens Whiteboard Pens.
- 1 x Black handwriting pen (Y4-Y6 only) <u>Handwriting Pens</u>
- 1 x Sharpener <u>Pencil Sharpener</u>
- 1 x Rubber <u>Rubber</u>
- 6x Colouring Pencils <u>colouring pencils</u>
- Box of tissues for the classroom <u>Tissues</u>



School uniform - on the website: Grange Park Primary School Uniform

It is very important that ALL children come in the correct school uniform and footwear, including PE kits, pare will be notified if the children are not in correct uniform.

Girls

- Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with logo)
- White or grey polo shirt (with logo)
- Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers (no leggings please)
- Purple and white gingham summer dress
- Grey summer shorts
- Black shoes (strong and flat heeled) or plain black trainers (no logos or colour on trainers)
- White socks
- · Grey/black tights

Boys

- Purple sweatshirt (with logo)
- White or grey polo shirt (with logo)
- Grey trousers
- Grey summer shorts
- Black shoes (strong and flat heeled) or Plain black trainers (no logos or colour on trainers)
- Grey/black socks

Note: We are phasing in the grey polo shirts and purple PE T- shirts. Your child can continue to wear their white ones.

Please ensure that all items of uniform, PE kit and other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

For health and safety reasons no jewellery should be worn with the exception of religious items, stud earrings and watches. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.



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PE Kit

- Black shorts
- White OR purple PE T-shirt (with logo)
- Black plimsolls or plain black trainers (not studded please and separate to the shoes worn during the day)
- Grey winter sweatshirt (with logo)
- Grey winter joggers (with logo)
- <u>Leggings and other colour</u>
 <u>joggers/sweatshirts are not permitted</u>
- Light mac in sac (with logo)

Our PE days are: Wednesday and Friday

Children should wear their branded PE kit on the days they have PE.

Children must remove all earrings and watches before PE and games lessons.



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Additional items to purchase if your child would like to have them

Other

- Purple fleece and/or reversible coat (with logo)
- Purple woolly hat and baseball cap (with logo)
- Purple/white/black/grey hair ribbons/bobbles/hairbands and hijabs
- Wellingtons/boots in wet or snowy weather (to be removed when children enter the school building)
- Purple PE bag (with logo)
- Purple book bag (with logo)
- Purple rucksack small and large available (with logo)

Communication

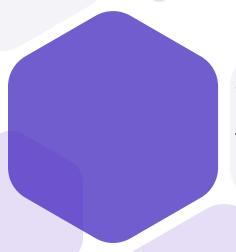
If you need to communicate something that is **not urgent**:

- Write a note in the Home School Reading Book and ask your child to give it straight to the teacher
- Leave a message with the school office to be passed on, telephone or send an email to <u>office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org</u>
- Speak to us informally after school once the class has been safely dismissed

For urgent matters, please telephone or email the school office to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

There are many staff members you can speak to:

- Teacher/support staff
- 2) Achievement leader: more serious concerns that cannot be resolved by speaking to the teacher
- 3) Assistant Headteacher: concerns that cannot be resolved through the teacher or achievement leader



Communication

We also communicate with parents through parent workshops. Look out for these in the Autumn 1 term:

Date	Workshop		
Wednesday 13 September - 9:15am	English conversation classes start - Round Hall		
Thursday 14 September - 5pm	Secondary transfer Meeting - Round Hall		
Friday 22 September - 3:25pm	Secondary transfer application support - Round Hall		
Friday 29 September - 3:25pm	Home learning surgery - Round Hall		
Monday 2 October - 5pm	The Grange Park Way (Behaviour for Learning Guidelines) - Round Hall		



GPPSA

- Our Parents Association, the GPPSA brings the school community together to raise funds for various school projects - currently we are saving to build a small farm as part of our outdoor education experiences
- AGM in Round Hall All welcome!
- New faces and fresh ideas are always well received and everyone is given a warm welcome
- Meetings are held approximately 2 a half term just before pick up on a Friday at school

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Thank you

Any questions?

