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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Griffon Class News Letter Autumn 1st half term 2026

Welcome back! We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead. There will be many new responsibilities to embrace this year and we are going to set high expectations of behaviour in order for our Year 6 to become the wonderful role models we need them to be for our school. We know you will be fully supportive of this and we would like to thank you in advance for your help.

Topics this term:

History - we are currently studying *The Great Plague of London 1665*. We will be finding out about where it all began and what people thought had caused it. We will look at the cures they tried and the hardships they experienced alongside the social/economic political and religious climate at that time.

Science - we will be learning about *Animals and their Habitats*. We will learn about important people who have contributed to our understanding of classification of animals and the features of different animals. We will use keys to sort animals and learn about different habitats including micro and macro habitats – this will encompass some work on adaptation.

Art – we will be finding out about sculpture – different ways of making sculpture, styles and media. Our focus sculptor is Henry Moore but we will be comparing him with other artists too. The children will take inspiration from these sculptors to plan and create their own.

PSHE – looking more at health and mental wellbeing – we will explore the theme of 'Being Healthy – what keeping healthy is and how to achieve good well-being.

Computing - we learn about online safety and coding. We will look at how to use the various tools in a word document and produce various word documents in different lessons using the skills taught.

RE - we are thinking about the concept of spirituality and how different people might find spirituality through different means. We are also finding out about the faith of Islam and what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.

PE is multi-skills and dance – creating compositions and developing skills of throwing, catching running and jumping within different sporting activities and games.

Music – Pop music – looking at the song Happy by Pharrell Williams.

PE: These sessions will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please come in kit and ensure the correct kit is worn. Thank you. Monday – outdoor (weather permitting) and Tuesday – indoor.

Class Book: We will be reading *The Children of Winter* by Berlie Doherty.

Homework: A homework grid will be given out to all pupils. Please complete the homework stated for that week in the homework book. To ensure homework is marked – please hand in before Friday of that week. Spellings are given weekly and are to be learnt for a test on a Monday. TT Rockstars is a way for the children to learn their tables and they all have passwords for this to do at home and in school. Reading for at least 10 minutes a day is recommended and we ask the children to record this in their reading diaries for checking in school. Please note that all the children will be heard to read in school within a guided reading session each week plus through other subjects taught. Any issues/concerns please let me know.

Blue Friction Pens or blue handwriting pens to be provided wherever possible please. We do get through quite a few!! Names on equipment is also useful. Thanks everyone.



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