

Happy New Year Grange Families!

Arrangements for 11th - 29th January 2021

In line with our school improvement plan focus of #safehappy&learning online learning will commence on Monday 11 January for 3 weeks. Learning will be shared daily via class dojo either by your child's class teacher or by another teacher who works at the same stage. Teachers are planning collaboratively at each stage to ensure consistency in the learning whether children are learning at home or in school. *At times the technology can let us down so please bear with us!*

What to expect P1-7:

Learner Quality Focus: Have a Go Joe: We will kick off our first week of online learning with a whole school learn to learn session talking about BounceBack, our Health and Wellbeing programme, and also how children can use "Have a Go Joe" to help with their online learning.



- Learning will be "chunked" throughout the day and there will be a range of PDF files, PowerPoints, short videos, and weblinks to engage learners.
- A teacher will be supporting online learning during the day so please use dojo message if you have any questions or comments. Someone will get back to you.
- A morning check-in from the teacher leading the online learning that day.
 - Please encourage your child to say good morning and let the teacher know they are there. Pupil comments have been enabled at this time.
- Daily there will be a Numeracy and Literacy lesson in the morning.
- Listening and Talking – we have planned a whole school Scots Poem experience and so this will continue despite lockdown.
- Afternoons – Topic and health and wellbeing (see below)
- Check out at end of day

Whole school topic and health and wellbeing learning:

We are now in our fifth year of whole school topics at Grange. This means that from nursery to primary seven children are learning about the same theme. e.g. The V&A, with the learning experiences and outcomes being adapted for early, first and second level. During our first lockdown our staff developed topic learning grids, which were well received by many families as they felt they could enjoy similar learning together in the afternoons. Therefore, new weekly topic learning grids have been developed with Space as the theme, the grids also include health and wellbeing activities. To ease access to this learning (and to avoid cluttering dojo with multiple posts) the grid will be posted by Mrs Fleming on the **school story on a Monday at 12pm**. Any photos linked to the topic grids should be uploaded to your child's own portfolio.

French

Mrs Watson, PEF PT, will deliver a whole school French language session once per week as a fun activity. #tresbien!

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Sharing Learning

All children have their own portfolio on dojo. If you can share a piece of work daily by taking a photograph and uploading it the teacher can see your child's work. Usually teachers will specify what they would like you to upload. Please do not feel you need to put everything they do every day on dojo. Other ways to share learning can be as simple as writing a comment under a task or sending the teacher a message.

Support for learning

If your child currently receives support for learning we will be in touch next week about how we plan to continue this at home, possibly using Microsoft Teams.

Illness

Please contact the school office if your child is unwell and therefore unable to engage in online learning. Similarly, if there are any issues at home that are affecting learning please get in touch with us. Teachers will be monitoring engagement to ensure that no child is left behind.

School Office

In line with Government guidance we are trying to minimise the number of adults in school at any one time. Therefore the school office may not be manned throughout the day, however, the answer machine will be on and checked regularly. You can also email the school on: grange@angusschools.org.uk.

We welcome your feedback

We will be reviewing the successes and failures of our online learning offer inhouse on an ongoing basis and so the amount of work may vary once we are up and running. In the meantime if there is anything else please contact:

Mrs Landsburgh – Nursery – P1, all Additional Support Needs

Mrs Oldham – P2 – P4

Mrs Smith – P5 - P7

Online Learning Tips for Parents

We know that online learning can be challenging at home and we appreciate all you are doing. Here are some top tips for parents:

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/a33608758/virtual-learning-tips-for-parents/>

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