

GROVE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

This half term we will be answering the question ‘Where Are We Going?’ Rainbow Class will be sticking together as we investigate forces and magnets. We will also be navigating familiar places and drawing our own maps as part of Geography. Please see below for more information about what your child will be learning within the individual subjects.

English	Maths
<p>Key texts: The Friendship Bench by Wendy Meddour Meerkat Christmas by Emily Gravett A range of information books about magnets, forces and maps.</p> <p>Writing: We will be writing our own narrative based upon our focus text ‘The Friendship Bench’. During this unit we will be using a range of conjunctions in order to extend our sentences as well as grouping our sentences to form paragraphs.</p> <p>Whilst examining our second text: ‘Meerkat Christmas’ we will discuss the features of different text types and how they benefit the reader.</p> <p>Reading & Comprehension: There will be a range of texts within the Centre for the children to read independently. The children will have a daily story time session where they will hear a story told to them by an adult. The children will also receive a Book Bag Book which is linked to their phonics learning that they can take home to read and continue to apply their knowledge of their sounds. We will also be working on the children’s comprehension skills by asking the children questions about the text and encourage them to retrieve the information from what they have read and show where they have found the answer within the text.</p>	<p>The children are continuing to develop their knowledge of using column method to add and subtract two 3-digit numbers as they apply this knowledge to word problems.</p> <p>The children will also build on their knowledge of multiplication and division from the previous year by multiplying and dividing by 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10. To support your child please practise their timetables with them at home.</p> <p>Please ensure that you are logging to Mathletics to access your weekly math challenges and pre-learning activities.</p>

Please also ensure that you are logging in Reading Eggs and completing the activities set for your child online.	
Science	Geography
The children will learn about different forces as well as magnetic forces. They will have an opportunity to make predictions and carry out a range of experiments to explore the properties of magnets.	We will look at a range of maps and learn about what the different symbols mean using the key. The children will give directions as well as looking at ariel photographs and locating a range of physical features.
Additional Information	
<p>Please ensure that your child is in full PE kit on their PE days. Now that the weather is getting colder you may choose to send your child in wearing plain tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper to keep them warm.</p> <p>Please ensure that you are reading with you child daily and signing their reading record.</p> <p>You child will also be set online homework on Reading Eggs and Mathletics which will need to be completed each week.</p>	

Attached you will find information about what we be learning in our topic 'Where are we going?' Included in this are key knowledge and facts that will be covered as well as a list of key vocabulary and definitions. Please ensure that your children are familiar with these words, including the spellings, as they will be using them throughout their topic.

Please don't hesitate to e-mail me on rainbow@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Johnson
Centre Leader

