

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Literacy

This half-term we will be further developing your child's phonics knowledge to build their confidence as both a reader and a writer. The children will use their understanding of the Set 1 Sounds to begin blending words. Your child will also be beginning to write simple words, using the sounds that they know.

Our core text this half term is *The Three Little Pigs*, your child will listen and talk about this story to build familiarity and understanding, articulate ideas in well-formed sentences, ask questions to consolidate understanding and learn new vocabulary.

Please take time to practice your child's phonics sounds with them using the packs provided at parents evening.



Religious Education

In the countdown to Christmas, your child will be learning about why Christmas is an important time of year for Christians, and we will be thinking about each of the characters within the Christmas Story.

We will also be reading and performing the Nativity Story and discussing the season of advent.

If you have any questions about how Religious Education is taught to your child, your child's class teacher would be happy to discuss this.

Autumn Two



Last day of term:

Thursday 18th December



Jigsaw (PSHE)

At Littlemoor we take great pride in ensuring that we create well-rounded, happy and confident children who are ready to learn.

This half-term, our Jigsaw focus will be **Celebrating Differences**. Through this topic we will discuss some important issues including bullying and how this should be addressed. We will also highlight how we are both similar and different to our friends and why this is important.

You could try talking about the differences and similarities within your own family with your child.

Mathematics

At the beginning of your child's time in Reception, our main focus is ensuring that the children develop a deep understanding of number. Having focused on the numbers 1, 2 and 3 in Autumn 1, we are now moving onto numbers up to five.

Your child will be developing a deep understanding of numbers one to five through number recognition, sequencing, finding one more/less than a given number, identifying the number bonds of number 5 and subitising.

Take every opportunity to practice counting and talk about numbers with your child at home – e.g. counting the number of stairs in your home, looking at door numbers on houses, counting objects out to share with family, etc.

Phonics

Having now been taught all of the Set 1 Sounds, including Special Friend sounds – your child will now be learning to orally blend initially, before progressing on to be able to blend independently.

You will have been given an overview of progress expectations for your child at parents evening, please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about your child's progress.

Use lots of 'Fred Talk' when with your child at home, for example, "get your b-a-g", or, "time for b-e-d"



Handwriting

Your child will have a daily handwriting session so that they can develop a fluent handwriting style where letters are to be correctly formed.

To help develop the skills required for writing children take part in various fine motor activities including Dough Disco and Pen Disco. It is a fun, engaging and creative way for your child to gain confidence making marks, have the correct pencil grip and good pencil control.



Understanding the World



We will be spending lots of time thinking about the natural world this half term, studying nocturnal animals and their hibernation habits during the cold winter months, and also considering the seasonal changes that we experience as we begin to move from Autumn to Winter.

The children spend lots of time taking part in outdoor learning opportunities and each week they take their 'Weather Bunny' out to explore our school grounds and to observe the changes happening around them.



Music

At Littlemoor we love music, and songs are used constantly throughout the day across many subjects. In our music lessons over the next few weeks your child will be enjoying the topic 'My Stories' which will teach your child about how songs can tell stories.



❄ The most wonderful time of the year! ❄

The children will be spending time learning their Nativity songs, we can't wait for you to see our very special performance!

Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their reading record and any books they currently have.



A water bottle – please do not put juice in your child's bottle, only water please.



A warm coat is essential now that the weather is cooling as well as your child's jumper or cardigan. Please ensure your child's name is written in all their belongings.

