

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Literacy

This half-term we will be supporting your child's developing phonics knowledge to build their confidence as both a reader and writer. Through these texts we will be exploring characters, taking part in drama sessions, and continuing to develop your child's writing skills.

The text we will look at this half term is called *Katie in London* by James Mayhew. Over the next few weeks, the children will look in depth at the famous sites of London. Then they will be learning to write in a variety of ways such as lists, mind maps and descriptive sentences. At the end of the unit the children will be creating their own non chronological report about their favourite London site.



Phonics

This half term we will be continuing to practise learning set 2 and 3 phonic sounds. You will have received a set of these at your child's parents evening. Please practise learning these sounds with your child daily.

If your child is confident with these sounds, please practise reading words with the sounds.

If you need any support with this, please feel free to speak to one of the Year 1 Team.

Here are a few websites with fun phonic games:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

Autumn Two



Religious Education

This half term we will begin our learning by looking at the importance of gifts. The children will use their own understanding by talking about the gifts they have received and the gifts they have given to others.

We will then begin to look at the story of Christmas by reading stories from the Bible and we will learn about the gifts that Baby Jesus was given by the three wise men.

The children will think carefully about what gifts Christians could give Jesus – they will create their own gift tags with their ideas, and we will hang these on our school Christmas tree.



Mathematics

Our new topic upon returning to school this half-term will focus on addition and subtraction. The children will continue to use different methods to add and subtract such as the part whole model and using a number line. We will then move on to focus on place value with numbers to 100.

Shape

During our shape and measure sessions children learn to recognise 2D and 3D shapes. They will sort these shapes and create patterns based on shape, size and colour.

You can support your child with their maths skills using Numbots. Log in details are in your child's reading diary.

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**. Throughout this topic we will be discussing some important issues including celebrating and accepting that everyone is different, bullying and looking at how to solve a problem while at school.



Art

All children are artists! During this busy half term children will be exploring printing. They will print using their bodies (hands and feet) and create rubbings of natural and man-made products. The children will also create a plasticine and foam print.

DT

This half term our DT project will be linked to our learning in science last half term. The children will be making a calendar as well as a Christmas card with an interesting surprise feature.



Science

In science this half term our topic is animals, and the children will learn to categorise animals in different ways. They will learn about what animals eat and begin to sort animals into carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. They will also learn about the characteristics of animals and how they can also be grouped into mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish and insects. We will also carry out an investigation every half term in Key Stage 1. The children will develop their skills of predicting, observing, recording and concluding. We will encourage the children to think about the questions they want to answer and about how to plan a fair test.

History

We will continue learning all about their Grandparents' childhood. Children will explore what it was like when their Grandparents were growing up; what toys and games they played with, what food they ate and what it was like when they used to be at school.

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's learning is focused around two songs: Rhythm in the Way We Walk (Reggae style) and Banana Rap (Hip Hop style).

To get ready for our key stage 1 Nativity performances the children will also learn a variety of songs related to the season and the Nativity story.

Computing

This half term the children will develop their understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. They will then use these tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work.

Geography

We will continue our topic about the UK and where we live. The children will learn about Askern first hand by going for a walk in the local area. They will also create their own maps.

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 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.

