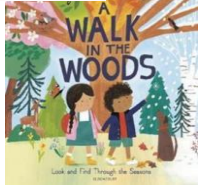


# Reception Curriculum Newsletter



## **Literacy**

This half-term, our key text is *A Walk in the Woods* by Flora Martyn and Hannah Tolson. Our focus will be on children to begin writing simple sentences. They will write captions to describe each season, reflecting on the changes that occur throughout the year. To support their writing, the children will engage in a variety of activities inspired by the text.

It is so important that children enjoy both reading and writing and have selected key texts for this half-term to reflect this.

*Please support your child to write simple words and sentences at home that they can decode e.g., 'a big red bus.'*



## **Phonics**

At Littlemoor, we use 'Read, Write, Inc.' to teach phonics. By the time your child leaves Reception they should know all of the Set 1 and 2 Sounds and be reading a green phonics book.

This half term your children will continue to learn the first 31 sounds which are known as the Set 1 Sounds. If your child knows these sounds confidently, they will begin to learn their Set 2 sounds.

*Please continue to support your child by looking at the sounds and simple words with your children. If your child now takes a phonics book at home your child can practice this with you at home.*

## **Mathematics**

This half term the children will be introduced to the concept of zero, the composition of 4 and 5 and comparing numbers to 5. The children will move on to learning numbers 6, 7 and 8 and the children will begin some simple addition.

We will be continuing our exploration of mass and capacity as well as introducing the concept of length and height. We will learn some language to describe time so that we can talk about events using 'first', 'then', 'yesterday', 'today' and 'tomorrow' confidently.

*Please continue to practice counting with your child and recognising numerals in the environment. Name shapes you can see and invite them to help with baking to get experience of weighing and measuring.*

## **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 **Dreams and Goals**. Through this topic we will discuss:

- Challenge
- Never Giving Up
- Setting a Goal
- Obstacles and Support



*You could discuss something your child finds difficult at home and set this as a personal goal for them to complete. E.g., zipping up their coat, writing, riding a bike.*



## Expressive Art and Design

After such a successful Christmas performance we will continue singing lots of songs this half term. The children will listen to different types of music in their lessons and talk about whether they like it and why, which instruments they can hear and what the structure of the music is. We will continue learning to find the pulse and deploring different instruments.

*Sing as much as you can with your child at home – songs are a great way to learn new words, understand melody and to have fun.*



All children are artists! During this half-term your child will explore the famous artist **Yayoi Kusama**. We will be looking closely at her unique use of use of 3d objects and spots and painting to create pieces of artwork.

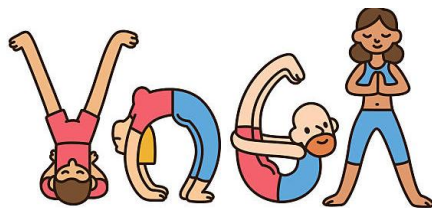
## Understanding the World

This half term the children will continue discussing the effects of seasonal change. We will also be learning about space and the famous astronaut Neil Armstrong. The children will discuss different methods of transport and journeys. All of our topics are supported by a quality text to support the children's knowledge and understanding.

*You could provide your child with experiences such as a seasonal walk and talk about season Winter and what the children can see in the environment. Or even go on a journey on a train or bus!*

## Physical Education

To help develop the skills required for writing children take part in various fine motor activities including 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.



In our weekly Your PE sessions the children will be introduced to 'yoga' the children will learn skills to enable them to control their body through balance and flexibility.

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.



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.

