

Year Two Curriculum Newsletter

Literacy



This half-term our key text is called "The Dragon Machine" by Helen Ward and "The Dragonsitter" by Josh Lacey. It is important that children enjoy both reading and writing and we have carefully selected our key texts for this half-term to reflect this. Through these texts your child will be developing their skills in diary entries, letters, instructions, character descriptions, and setting descriptions. Our key focus will be on developing children's knowledge and use of conjunctions (because, whilst, even though), adjectives and past tense.

Please take time daily to practise reading with your child. Books will be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday.

Science

This half term, we will continue exploring our science topic on materials. The children will deepen their understanding of the difference between an object and the material it is made from. They will identify various materials, learn to name their properties, and connect these properties to why certain materials are best suited for specific objects.



Religious Education

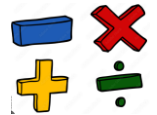
This half term our religious focus will be Islam. The children's learning will focus on the question "Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in their everyday lives? During this unit the children will begin to learn that Muslim life is built around worship of Allah through prayer. They will learn that the daily prayers mean that Muslims pray as a community and how prayer helps develop self-discipline.

Mathematics

Our new topic upon returning to school this half-term will focus on shape. The children will learn the names of 2D shapes and 3D shapes including their properties. We will move on to money where we will learn to recognise all the coins and notes before going on to add and subtract with money linking to finding change.

We will finally move on to multiplication and division. During which the children will consolidate their counting in twos, threes, fives and tens. We will learn how to use our knowledge of times tables to solve multiplication and division problems.

You could practise Times Tables Rockstars with your child to secure their knowledge of times tables. Please ask a member of the Year 2 team if you require a sign in code.



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 success, and we will encourage children to talk about their own goals in their life so far. As a class we will celebrate goals we have achieved already, and we will teach children different techniques to help them overcome their obstacles to success.



Art

During this busy half term children will unleash their imagination by transforming a familiar object—a stick—into unique and creative forms. Children will think outside the box as they experiment with materials to craft small sculptures. From there, they will create stick people inspired by Guatemalan Worry Dolls. Throughout the project, sketchbooks play a key role, providing a space for brainstorming, recording ideas, and reflecting on their artistic journey.

Geography

This term in geography, our topic is *"How different would my life be if I lived in Kenya?"* The children will learn to identify and locate the seven continents and five oceans of the world. They will explore the key differences between the climate and features of where we live and that of a small area in Kenya. Additionally, they will understand how the human and physical features of a place are often shaped by its climate.

History

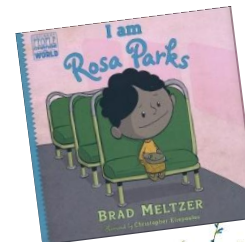
In our history lessons this half-term, we will learn about several famous individuals who have made a significant impact on the world, including Neil Armstrong and Rosa Parks. We will focus on discovering key information about each person and understanding why they are famous. The children will create Fact Files to demonstrate their understanding and will begin to make connections between the lives and achievements of these influential figures.

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 the instruments and music from different countries. They will listen to a range of instruments including the Djembe drum, bagpipes and a "guzheng" or gu zheng.

Computing

This half term, the children will dive into the world of algorithms. They will explore how computers follow instructions and practice programming a Bee-Bot to execute a sequence of commands, learning to debug when necessary. Later in the term, they will use computing software to create pictograms, enabling them to visually display information in an engaging way.



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 cold as well as your child's jumper or cardigan. Please ensure your child's name is written in all their belongings.



Please remember that our PE day is Friday. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits – white t-shirt with black shorts. Black, grey or navy joggers and hoodies can also be worn.