

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter



Exploring high quality stories, poems and rhymes

This half term we will be exploring the books:

- Oliver's Vegetables
- The Train Ride
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar



Each week activities and resources will be planned for linked to the story focus and reflecting the educational needs and interests of the children. We will also be covering the topics; Lifecycles, Minibeasts, Growth and People Who Help Us.

This half term we will be learning a selection of poems and rhymes.

Poems from Michael Rosen: A Great Big Cuddle

This is the train, Green Caterpillar, There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf

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



Early Literacy, Communication and Language

This half term the children will be learning to:

Identify sounds in words and begin to recognise the phonemes I,n,p,d,g,o.

Begin to identify initial sounds and blend familiar CVC words.

Make predictions about a story using the relevant vocabulary with independence.

Mark make for a purpose and be able to talk about the marks.

Identify CVC words orally.

Engage in extended conversations about stories.

Mathematical Development

This half term the children will be learning how to:

- Compare quantities using language 'more than' and 'fewer than'.
- Combine shapes to make new ones with an emphasis on identifying 3D shapes.
- To know that numbers are made up of two or more other smaller numbers involving 'part-whole' understanding.
- Describe a sequence of events.

Counting everyday objects at home and recognising numbers and shapes when you are out and about will be extremely helpful for your child's mathematical development.

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 'Changing Me'. Through this topic we will discuss some important issues including my body, changes, change and celebration.



Physical Development

This half term the children will be learning:

Secure in holding the pencil, using the tripod grip and form some recognisable letters, copy some of the letters in their name.

Be confident to use scissors and other tools safely.

Takes part in group games with support from an adult.
Move confidently and safely in a range of ways, avoiding obstacles: running/hopping/skipping etc

Religious Education and JIGSAW RE

The children will be learning how to work as part of a group, taking turns and sharing fairly, understanding that groups of people need agreed values and codes of behaviour, including adults and children, to work together harmoniously. Children listen with enjoyment to stories, songs and poems from different communities and traditions and respond with relevant comments, questions or actions.

The children will also learn about Christian, Judaism and Islamic religions with an emphasis on what are special places to them.

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.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term our focus will be:

- Creating closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.
- Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.
- Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.



Celebrating Famous Artists:

At Littlemoor, we learn about, discover and explore the artwork of a different famous artist every half-term. This term our focus will be on **Paul Klee**, exploring shapes.



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 continue to sing all of the songs we have learnt to date.

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.

Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their library book, this will be changed every Wednesday.



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



As the weather begins to warm up, please provide your child with a sunhat and apply sun cream before school.

Understanding the World

This half term our focus will be on:

Planting seeds and caring for growing plants, understand the key features of a life cycle of a plant and an animal.

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for natural environments and all living things.

Exploring the natural world around us.

