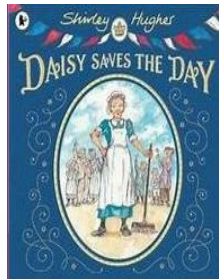


Year Two Curriculum Newsletter

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on non-fiction reading and writing. We will be learning to write a newspaper article and learning to present information linked to our topic learning in a variety of interesting ways. The children will continue to learn phonics. We will be working on our handwriting and presentation skills. Through a range of texts your child will be learning different writing styles and applying their skills to write short narratives, setting descriptions and non-chronological reports.



Dates for your diary . . .

Box2Bfit Day	10 th January
Children's Mental Health Week	5 th February
Safer Internet Day	6 th February

Religious Education

This half-term, following on from our topic of Christians last half-term we will be looking at Judaism with the focus on the special relationship Jews have with God. We will understand how some important Jewish beliefs began. We will learn about the Ten Commandments and explain the rules that Jews believe God wants us to live by.



Mathematics

In Maths, the children will be using their real-life experience to recognise money. Children use their knowledge from place value and addition and subtraction to find the total value of a set of coins. Children should be able to count up in 1ps, 2ps, 5ps and 10ps, and use related facts to count up in 20ps, as well as finding the total of a mixed set of coins. Children also have the opportunity to count up in £1s, £2s, £5s and £10s, and use related facts to count up in £20s, as well as being able to find the total of mixed sets of notes and coins. We also secure the children's understanding on multiplication and division problems, counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We recap odd and even numbers and develop understanding on doubling and halving.



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 Goals and Dreams. Through this topic we will discuss what we want to be successful at and consider the steps we can take to achieve this.



Art

All children are artists! This half-term we will be exploring 'Stick Transformation Project'. We will be looking how artists use their creative skills to re-see and re-imagine the world. We will explore you can transform a familiar object into new and fun forms



Computing

This half-term we develop children's understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. Children will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome. They will also learn about design in programming. They will develop artwork and test it for use in a program. They will design algorithms and then test those algorithms as programs and debug them.



Music

Focus: 'I Wanna Play In A Band' by Joanna Mangona – a Rock song for children.

'I Wanna Play In A Band' is a Rock song written especially for children. In this song you learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble.

As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic Rock songs.

Sing as much as you can with your child at home – songs are a great way to learn.



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.



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



PE Kits must be brought to school **every Monday** and will remain in school until the end of the week. Your child should have a plain white t-shirt and black shorts.



Why is London our capital city?

Geography

We will discover information about our capital city and learn about physical and human features. We will recap our mapping skills and know the names of all the four countries, capital cities and the three seas that surrounds the UK. We will be able to identify where London is on a UK map. We will find out about famous landmarks and buildings in London and be able to name these. Children will enjoy finding out about the London Underground and the other transport systems that London relies on to be a successful city.



Who were the Victorians?

History

This half term we will be learning about the Victorian Era. We will start the unit with a timeline identifying key elements of the Victorian period. We will read and research facts about Queen Victoria and complete fact files. Children will begin to understand what life might have been like for them if they lived in the Victorian times. Children will be involved in a 'Day in the life of a Victorian Child' where they will take part in a range of activities, investigate artefacts and try on some costumes. We will also create artwork in the manner of LS Lowry.

