

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

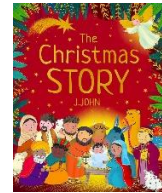
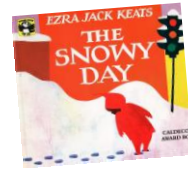
Literacy



This half-term we will be supporting your child to develop their phonics knowledge to build their confidence as both a reader and writer. The children will be beginning to read individual letters by saying the sounds for them and use this knowledge to blend the sounds into words and begin to write them.

Using these three exciting focus texts, your child will listen and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding, articulate ideas in well-formed sentences, ask questions to consolidate understanding and learn new vocabulary.

Please take time to practice your child's phonics sounds with them on Seesaw and practice their letter formation in the phonics home learning book.



Autumn



Last day of term:

Thursday 21st December



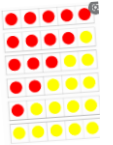
Religious Education

In the countdown to Christmas, your child will be learning about why Christmas is an important time of year for Christians, and we will be considering whether all faiths celebrate Christmas.

We will also be reading and performing the Nativity Story and discussing the season of advent.

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.

Mathematics



This half-term the focus will be representing numbers to 5, one more and one less, shapes with 4 sides and time. Your child will be looking at numbers 1-5 in depth through recognition, sequencing, identifying one more/less than a given number, number bonds within 5 and subitising up to 5. Numicon, 10 frames and double-sided counters is a tool we use to help children learn number bonds to 5 e.g., $4 + 1 = 5$.



Time will be explored through days of the week, day and night and measuring time in simple ways e.g., how many jumps can you do in 20 seconds.

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 **Celebrating Differences**. Through this topic we will discuss some important issues including bullying and how this should be addressed. We will also highlight how we are both similar and different to our friends and why this is important.

You could try talking about the differences and similarities within your own family with your child.



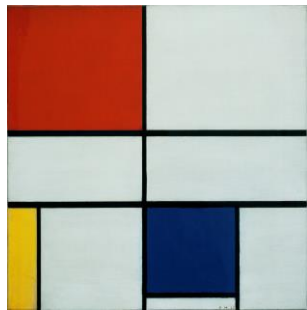
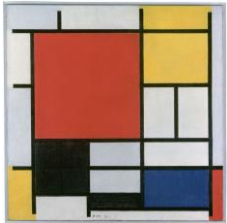
Dates for your diary

Skip2Bfit Day	8 th November
Children in Need	17 th November
Christmas Jumper Day	7 th December
F2 Nativity Plays	12 th December
Christmas Party Day	20 th December



Expressive Art and Design

All children are artists! During this half-term your child will explore the famous artist 'Mondrian'. We will be looking closely at his art which will inspire and motivate your child to be creative.



At Littlemoor we love music and songs and they are used constantly throughout the day across many subjects. In our music lessons over the next few weeks your child will be learning nursery rhymes, exploring the pulse within pieces of music and looking at different instruments.

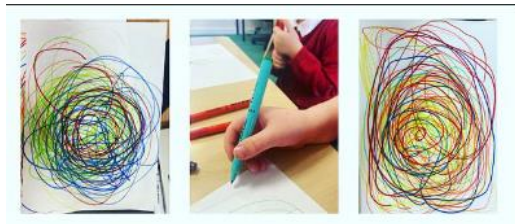
Of course, at this time of year we're also very busy learning lots of songs for our EYFS Nativity which we can't wait for you to see!

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.

Handwriting

Your child will have a daily handwriting session so that they can develop a fluent handwriting style where letters are to be correctly formed.

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.



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 of their clothing.



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



Understanding the World

How many creatures are on our Earth?

'How many creatures are on our Earth?' is our scientific question for this half-term. Your child will be exploring the natural world around them. They will learn that there are a number of creatures that share our planet with us. We will explore plants, animals and insects around us and begin to notice patterns in the natural world e.g., spiders spinning a web, ice melting, sun going behind clouds.

Explore the outdoors with your child and discuss the natural world around them.

Why are all towns and cities not like ours?

Our Geography focus will be 'Why are all towns and cities not like ours?'. Your child will begin by looking closely at the local area of Askern and know that not everywhere is exactly the same as their village. We will discuss that cities are much bigger than a village and may have different facilities and attractions. As well as explaining that some towns have different purposes and attract people for different reasons e.g., seaside town.

It would be fantastic if you could discuss the local area with your child and see if they can explain what they can see in the environment.

Who is my family?

Our History focus will be 'Who is my family?'. We will be looking closely at our families and our family history. Your child will be introduced to vocabulary related to the past to support their learning. E.g., very old, before, long ago, older, younger. We will explore names of different people in the family such as grandad, grandma, auntie, uncle etc. and use this language to create their own family tree.

It would be fantastic if your child could look at family photographs and talk about older and younger and different family members.

