

# Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

## Exploring High Quality Stories, Poems and Rhymes



This half term we will be exploring the books:

- Room on the Broom written by Julia Donaldson
- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
- Moon by Britta Teckentrup
- Brown bear, Brown Bear What do you see? By Bill Martin
- Dear Santa by Rod Campbell
- The Christmas Story

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 Night and Day, Nocturnal Animals, Emotions, Family, Weather, Environment, Seasons and Celebrations.

This half term we will learning the poems and rhymes:

Remember, Remember, the 5th of November,

I'm a little pumpkin, The wind doth blow, Christmas is coming.

## Dates for your diary . . .

Odd Socks Day	13 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need	17 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Jumper Day	7 <sup>th</sup> December
Nursery Nativity Plays	13 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party Day	20 <sup>th</sup> December

## Autumn Two



Last day of term:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## Early Literacy, Communication and Language

This half term the children will be learning to:

Find and identify familiar letters e.g. letters in their names

Talk about and retell a range of familiar stories

Begin to explore initial sounds in familiar words

Know that letters are used to make up words

Know that each letter makes a sound- focusing on sounds in their names

Sequence stories-beginning, middle and end

Experimenting with different ways of mark making and learning how to hold mark making tools correctly

## Mathematics

This half term the children will be learning how to:

Say one number for each item in order

Know that the last number when counting is the total

Understand positional language;

Understanding the 'twoness of two'

Understanding the 'threeness of three'

Identify and discuss a repeating pattern

Continue a repeating pattern

Create own repeating pattern

## 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.

We will also be promoting the importance of oral health through our interactive classroom display.

*Talk to your child and remind them of the importance of brushing teeth twice a day.*



## Physical Development

This half term the children will be learning:

To independently put on their coats, with some support for the zipper and buttons.

Copy dance moves and to move to different kinds of rhythms.

Use mark making resources with increasing independence

Show confidence in dressing up and self-care activities.

Know how to move on different beats and rhythms e.g., slowly for slow music and fast on quicker beats.



*Don't forget to share any of your child's home learning or amazing achievements on our Seesaw platform- we love getting updates.*

## Religious Education

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.

We will also be reading Bible stories and taking part in our own daily quiet reflection time.

*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.*

## Music

At Littlemoor, we love music and songs are used continually throughout the day across many subjects. In our music lessons over the next few weeks your child will be learning new songs:

I'm a Little Teapot      It's Not Too Difficult

The Grand Old Duke of York      Ring-a-Roses

Hickory Dickory Dock

Of course, at this time of year we're also very busy learning lots of songs for our Nursery 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.*

## Expressive Arts and Design

This half term our focus will be:

- Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc.
- Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.

## 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 **Piet Mondrian**, exploring shapes, and straight lines.



Please remember the daily essentials:



Book Bags on **Wednesday**.



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. Please also ensure your child has suitable shoes for outdoors.

## Understanding the World

Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos

Our key questions will be:

Why are we all the same but also different?

What is a country and why are there so many?

