

Year One Curriculum Newsletter

Literacy

This half-term we will be supporting your child's developing phonics knowledge to build their confidence as both a reader and writer. We will be using a variety of key texts including, Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood to explore characters, take part in drama sessions and continue to develop your child's writing skills. We will also be exploring different genres of writing, including recounts as well as narratives.

It is so important that children enjoy both reading and writing and we have carefully selected our key texts for this half-term to reflect this.

Dates for your diary . . .

Skip2Bfit Family Day	28 th February
World Book Day	7 th March
British Science Week	11th March- 15th March
Birds of Prey school visit	13 th March
Red Nose Day	15 th March
Happy Chicks Arriving	18 th March

Spring two



**Last day of term:
Thursday 28th March**

Religious Education

This half-term leading up to the Easter holidays, we will be exploring 'Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?' They will learn to recall parts of the Easter story and recognise some important symbols.

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

Last half term your child developed their understanding of place value within 20. Our new topic upon returning to school this half-term builds on this knowledge and focuses on addition and subtraction within 20.

Your child will be using a variety of concrete equipment to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction, as well as developing previously taught methods including using a number line.

To support your child at home you could continue to practise counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 and putting these in order. You could use everyday items in the home, such as pasta or straws, to practise making these numbers to ensure this knowledge is secure.

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 "Healthy Me". The children will discuss and learn how sleep and exercise help keep our bodies healthy. The children will also discuss how making choices between foods is important and also how they can have a balanced variety of different foods.

We will also towards the end of the unit discuss road safety and the important rules we need to follow when we are walking by a road.

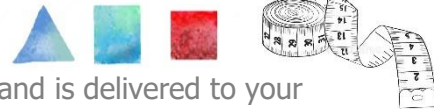
Art



All children are artists! During this half-term your child will be looking at making birds. We will be drawing, collaging and, in the end, sculpting our own birds. Children will be developing their art skills by doing observational drawings, ensuring close attention is paid to the shapes and lines they can see. They will also explore and experience how work from a similar starting point can end up with different individual results and celebrate their own individual achievements!

Have a go at home at letting children experiment and get creative with sculpture using different household items, for example old cereal boxes, bottle tops and straws!

Shape, Space and Measures



This is part of the mathematics curriculum and is delivered to your child weekly. This half-term, we will be focusing on capacity. They begin by exploring practically the idea that capacity is the maximum amount that something can hold. They will describe the volume in a container using phrases such as "empty", "nearly empty", "nearly full" and "full".

You can help your child at home by providing them with different containers and a jug of water. As they pour water into the containers, ask them to describe the volume of water using phrases such as "empty", "nearly empty", "nearly full" and "full".

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 be learning a new song in a Bossa Nova Latin style called 'Round and Round' and will play a variety of instruments.

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.

Computing

During Spring Two we will be starting the unit 'Data and information'. The children will begin by using labels to put objects into groups, and labelling these groups. They will demonstrate that they can count a small number of objects, before and after the objects are grouped. They will then begin to demonstrate their ability to sort objects into different groups, based on the properties they choose. Finally, pupils will use their ability to sort objects into different groups to answer questions about data.

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.



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.



Famous People in the UK



Topic 1

Our History topic for this half-term is Famous People in the UK. We will be discussing what it means to be famous with children before doing a more in-depth study into Amy Johnson, a female pilot from Hull! Children will become more familiar with what a timeline is and use this to begin to create a timeline of their own life. We will then develop their understanding of chronology by looking into Amy Johnson as well as how transport has changed over time. Children will be creating fact-files about Amy Johnson and considering why she is important in History.

It would be really useful to discuss with your child your own life- you could create a timeline together! You could also introduce them to some famous people who have inspired or been influential to you.

Extra-curricular Activities

Rabbit and Squirrel Class- Street dancing lunchtime club on Fridays.

Rabbit and Squirrel Class- Art Club after school Wednesday (Your child will bring home a letter).

Birds and Plants



Topic 2

Our Science topic for this half-term is Birds and Plants.

We will begin by learning about different birds and create an information book about common garden birds. Children will also have the brilliant experience of some birds of prey coming to the school for a visit to enhance their learning throughout this topic.

We will then be moving onto plants. Children will be looking at the parts of a plant and what each part does before moving on to recognising and identifying some different flowers. We will then explore the life cycle of a plant, considering what plants need to grow and survive.

Scientific Enquiry

The children will take part in a cress investigation to consolidate their learning on plants. We will be making predictions and observe the results of what happens when we eliminate different conditions, such as light and water, from plants.

You could discuss with your child in your garden or on walks some different plants you can see. You could even create your own flower information guide or try and spot some different birds!