

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Exploring high quality stories, poems and rhymes

This half term we will be exploring the books:

- Dinosaur Roar!
- Oliver's Vegetables
- Handa's Surprise



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; Dinosaurs, The King's Coronation, Culture and Diversity, Family, Changes, Food, Healthy Eating, Our World, Journeys and Growing.

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

Poems from Michael Rosen: A Great Big Cuddle

- Five Enormous Dinosaurs
- Orange and Lemons

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.

Dates for your diary . . .

Training Day	17 th April
Bank Holiday	1st May
King's Coronation Day	8 th May

Summer one



Last day of term:

Friday 26th May

Early Literacy, Communication and Language

This half term the children will be learning to:

Identify sounds in words and begin to recognise the phonemes m a s d t i

Begin to identify some sounds during oral blending games

Begin to make predictions about a story, sometimes supported by an adult

Know that blending sounds makes words

Join in with repetition within stories

Talk about different parts of the story



Mathematical Development

This half term the children will be learning how to:

- Solve real world mathematical problems using numbers 1-5
- Describing routes
- Comparative addition of numbers to 5
- Compare objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity

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 Moss Road 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 relationships. Through this topic we will discuss some important issues including making friends, falling out, bullying and also being kind.



Physical Development

This half term the children will be learning:

To hold the pencil confidently, using the tripod grip.

To use scissors confidently and make straight, zig zag and circular snips using one hand.

To run skilfully and be able to negotiate space.

To be aware of obstacles whilst running, riding a scooter/bike etc and display some spatial awareness.

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.

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 Moss Road we learn about, discover and explore the artwork of a different famous artist every half-term. This term our focus will be on **Wassily Kandinsky**, exploring lines and shapes.



Music

At Moss Road 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 these new songs:

Big bear funk Hickory dickory dock
Twinkle twinkle little star Baa baa black sheep



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Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag is to be returned every Friday where your child can choose a new one to take home.



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



Children require a coat when the weather is cold or raining. As the weather turns increasingly warm and sunny, children will require a sun hat and an application of sun cream before school.

Understanding the World

This half term our focus will be on:

Knowing that there are different countries in the world and talking 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?

