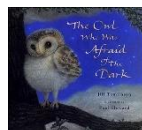


# Year Two Curriculum Newsletter



## Literacy

This half-term we will be supporting your child's developing phonics knowledge to build their confidence as both a reader and writer. 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. Through these texts your child will be learning different writing styles and applying their skills to write character descriptions, diary entries, setting descriptions and non-chronological reports.



## Autumn Two



Last day of term:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## Mathematics

Our new topic upon returning to school this half-term is Addition and Subtraction. Over the past seven weeks, your child has been developing their understanding of numbers up to 100 and will now be solving addition and subtraction equations within 100.

Your child will be using a part-whole model – a tool which will support your child in combining two amounts and counting the total once combined. They will then progress to a number line and once secure move to the column method to solve addition and subtraction equations.

*You could be solving simple addition and subtraction equations to support your child at home. If you would like any recommendations on how to practice this with your child at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.*

## Dates for your diary . . .

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Skip 2B Fit                | Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| Odd Socks Day              | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November   |
| Children in Need           | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November   |
| Coffee Morning for Parents | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November  |
| Christmas Jumper Day       | Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Nativity                   | Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December |
| Christmas Party Day        | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December  |

## Religious Education

In the countdown to Christmas, your child will be learning about why Christmas is an important time of year for Christians. They will also study a place of worship, explore Christian artefacts and symbols.

Your child will be retelling The Christmas Story, taking part in a Christingle service 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.*



## 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 **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.*





### Art

All children are artists! This half-term we will be exploring 'What is architecture?' We will be looking at architecture locally in Doncaster and the wider Yorkshire area. We will be creating our own architectural inventions and presenting them to our peers.



### Shape, Space and Measure

This half-term, we will be naming 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We will be using language such as 'apex', 'vertices', 'faces' and 'sides' to describe and compare shapes. We will then move on to exploring lines of symmetry and right-angles.

*You can help your child at home by looking at different shapes – activities like building and drawing can be a fun way to do this!*

### 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 a new song 'Ho Ho Ho' and will play a variety of instruments.

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



### 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 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.

### Computing

During Autumn Two, your child will complete the Espresso Coding programme. They will be exploring how to input directions on a computer to navigate an object across the screen.

*If you have a computer with a mouse in your home – it would be a great opportunity to introduce your child to using a mouse.*



Which materials  
would Traction  
Man use to build  
our school?

### Science

This half-term we will be learning all about different types of materials. We will be using the book Traction Man as a hook to support our learning. We will be classifying materials, understanding where they can from and what they are best used for. We will be exploring what are the advantages and disadvantages to the different materials.

*Look around your own home with your child and discuss what materials you find.*



### History

This half term we will be creating a timeline to set out the history of space. We will be looking at significant events that took place such as the Moon Landing and placing it on the timeline along with our birthdays and parents' birthdays to give an idea of time. We will be learning about heroes such as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin and what it takes to be an astronaut.



## Extracurricular Activities

Choir

Wednesday

3:15 – 4:00

PE Club

Monday

3:15 – 4:15

Gardening

Wednesday

Lunchtime

