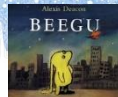


# Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

## Literacy



This half-term we will be supporting your child's developing phonics knowledge to build their confidence as both a reader and writer. Through these texts we will be exploring characters, taking part in drama sessions, and continuing to develop your child's writing skills.

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. Using these three exciting texts, your child will be creating character descriptions and composing through recounts their own newspaper articles letters and postcards.

**Please take time to practise your child's spellings with them. Your child cannot move on from their current spellings until they can spell most of the words on their current list.**

## Autumn Two



Last day of term:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## Mathematics

Our new topic upon returning to school this half-term will focus on addition and subtraction. The children will become familiar with different methods to add and subtract such as the part whole model and using a number line. We will be developing the children's understanding of number bonds within 10 – quick recall of these facts is necessary when solving problems.

## Shape

During our shape and measure sessions children learn to recognise 2D and 3D shapes. They will sort these shapes and create patterns based on shape, size and colour.

**You could practise Times Tables Rockstars with your child to secure their understanding of counting in tens. Please ask a member of the Year 1 team if you require a sign in code.**



## Dates for your diary . . .

Children in Need	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu Vaccinations	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Christmas Jumper day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Parents Coffee Morning	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Key Stage 1 Nativity	18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

## Religious Education

This half term we will begin our learning by looking at the importance of gifts. The children will use their own understanding by talking about the gifts they have received and the gifts they have given to others.

We will then begin to look at the story of Christmas by reading stories from the Bible and we will learn about the gifts that Baby Jesus was given by the three wise men.

The children will think carefully about what gifts Christians could give Jesus – they will create their own gift tags with their ideas, and we will hang these on our school Christmas tree.



## 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**. Throughout this topic we will be discussing some important issues including celebrating and accepting that everyone is different, bullying and looking at how to solve a problem while at school.



## Art

All children are artists! During this busy half term children will be exploring different techniques of drawing. First children will explore this element by using different parts of their body to create large spirals. Children will then begin to observe and create their own snail drawings using chalk and oil pastels. Towards the end of the half term children will explore observational drawings and begin to look at continuous lines.

## DT

This half term our DT project will be linked with our literacy story of Beegu and our science topic Materials. The children will be challenged to design, make and evaluate a shelter for the alien Beegu. They will have to choose suitable materials and think about the shape of their structure.



## Geography

Our Topic question this half term is "What do I know about where I live?".

We will be learning about where Askern is in the world and in the UK. The children will learn about compass directions and make some maps of Askern using aerial photographs. We will take the children for a walk around the local area to add to their maps and to look at the structure of some buildings in preparation for their DT project.

## Science

In science the children will be learning to name and describe the properties of different materials. We will complete investigations to test which material is the warmest and which is the most waterproof. The children will use their findings to sort materials based on their properties. The children will also use their knowledge in their DT project by choosing the materials for their shelter carefully.

## 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's learning is focused around two songs: Rhythm in the Way We Walk (Reggae style) and Banana Rap (Hip Hop style).

To get ready for our key stage 1 Nativity performances the children will also learn a variety of songs related to the season and the Nativity story.



## Computing

This half term the children will be using Espresso Coding. They will learn that computer programs respond to inputs to do different things. Children will learn how to make objects move in different ways and in different directions.

We will also build on the skill of using a paint program to create digital art. The children will explore a variety of different tools to create their work.

## **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.

