

Reception 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 wonderful characters and settings and will focus on developing our imaginations through our Drawing Club sessions.



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 exciting texts, and animations, your child will be learning to write simple sentences containing red words (e.g. the, my, he, she, etc.).

Try to read to your child as often as you can – children develop a wide range of vocabulary when read to frequently and this is so important as your child moves through school.

Phonics

The children have now been exposed to all of the Set 1 Sounds and some Set 2 Sounds. Your child should now be blending words containing single letter sounds and beginning to blend words containing special friend sounds. The children have their phonics lesson in targeted groups which are carefully set up to ensure each child makes personal progress.

Please remember that the school expectation is that children should read at least three times per week and **that the expected reading level is a Red Book at this stage in the year.**

Please ensure you read – either your child's reading book/sheet or the reading materials given to you by your child's teacher – as often as possible! Repeated exposures to texts that have children have already read helps to build fluency which reflects a child's ability to read with speed, precision and understanding.

Summer One



Last day of term:
Friday 22nd May



Mathematics

This half term we are going wild for numbers! We will be further exploring numbers up to twenty and we will be beginning to learn about addition and subtraction in its most simple form, as the children prepare for the transition to Key Stage One. We will be exploring sharing and grouping for the first time – the foundations of multiplication and division – by thinking about equal and unequal groups. We will also be spending lots of time going over key number skills which will help your child as they move into Year One.

You can help at home by utilising every opportunity to count and explore numbers. Could you support your child's number recognition by looking at the numbers on doors when out on a walk. Could you share some sweets out equally between family members? Could you count how many steps it takes from one side of the garden to the other?

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 and bullying and how this should be addressed. We will also be talking about our families and how we are all different.

You could try talking about the people within your own wider family with your child.



Art

During this half-term your child will be looking at the work of the artist Pete Cromer. We will be looking at how we can create collages of wildlife – reflecting on our learning of animals across the half term and how we can take inspiration from animals when producing our own artwork.

Explore the shapes that you can see in a drawing and the types of lines used (bumpy, straight, dashed) to create different effects when looking at your child's drawings.



Understanding the World:

This half term our topic will be All Around the World! We will be learning about different environments on our planet all the way from the freezing Arctic to the plains of Africa. The children will get to learn about animals, different cultures and landmarks from around the world.

Go on a nature walk on a sunny day and explore the changes in the world around us as we approach Summer. There is so much to talk about when we observe the world around us, and so much more to learn!



BOSTON PARK FARM

We are very excited to be taking the children on a trip to Boston Park Farm on **Friday 8th May**. Please ensure that your child arrives on time on the day of the school trip as the coach will not be able to be held.



The children will have the opportunity to see lots of different animals as part of their Understanding the World learning. We hope to have a very fun day!



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.



Even as the weather is warming, please ensure that your child is coming to school with a coat to wear in the case of light rain. **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.

Religious Education

This half term we will be learning about how stories are important to people of faith and how they teach people about their beliefs. We will be looking at some key religious stories and talking about what these can teach us. The first of these will be one of Aesop's Fables: The Boy Who Cried Wolf and we will be exploring the moral that this story can teach its readers.

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.

