

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Literacy

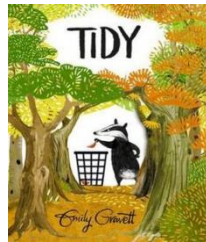
This half-term the children's literacy work will be based on the book 'Tidy'. This book is a rhyming story about Pete the Badger who loves to keep his forest home neat and tidy. Your child will be writing letters and diary entries based on this book. They will continue to focus on spelling homophones and on using punctuation in their work correctly.

The children will continue to read daily and answer questions about the text they have read. They will be ordering events and summarising the key points from their storybook.

Please encourage your child to read at home regularly.

Religious Education

This half term your child will learn about Sikhism, focusing on whether celebrating Baisakhi helps Sikh children feel a sense of belonging. They will explore the story of Baisakhi, including how Guru Gobind Singh founded the Khalsa, learn how the festival is celebrated, recognise Sikh symbols, and reflect on the importance of special celebrations.



Summer One



Last day of term:

Friday 22nd May



Science

Our work this half term is all about plants. The children will revisit their learning from last year about the parts of a plant and add to their scientific vocabulary. They will learn some more types of plants and trees and plan their own practical investigations to prove what plants need to grow healthily.

The children will do some problem solving and measuring to find out how old a tree is and continue to learn about fair testing and working scientifically.

Mathematics

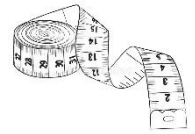
Our new topic upon returning to school this half-term is capacity, mass and temperature. Your child will be learning to read measurements and solve problems. They will continue to practise their arithmetic skills throughout the half term focusing on addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

Your child can practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to support their multiplication skills.

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. They will be discussing their families and friends and why some relationships are special to them. They will also be learning about how to keep safe and how to solve conflicts with friends.



DT

This half term in Design and Technology, children will design and make a Victorian-style vehicle using wheels and axles. They will research how these mechanisms work, create their own design, build their model, and evaluate how well it works.



History

This half term in History, children will explore how the Victorians influenced life today. They will compare everyday items from the past and present, learn about objects such as the dolly, and investigate how technology like televisions, telephones, and music players has changed. They will also look at how daily tasks like cooking, cleaning, and washing have evolved, and learn about key inventors who created many of the gadgets we use today.



Computing

Your child will learn to create piece of music digitally. They will identify simple difference in pieces of music and create a rhythm using computer software. They will use the computer software to explore pitch and sequence notes.

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.

Music

This half term we have two units which both focus on composition. The first begins by teaching the children how to improvise in a call and response style using both rhythm and melody. They will then use these building blocks in the second unit which is led by The Royal Scottish National Orchestra. This begins by introducing lots of listening to music which creates a picture in our mind. The children then focus on the performance of the story Yoyo and the Little Auk. As a group, they will create their own musical picture and write this as a graphic score. The unit will culminate in a performance to the other classes in school.

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.



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.



PE

Your child will take part in two units of work this half term; 'target games' which teaches skills to play golf and 'Strike, field and catch' which teaches skills and rules for playing cricket and rounders. The children will practise their throwing and striking skills and work on their agility, balance and coordination. They will also consider how they work collaboratively with others, how they persevere to learn and get better and continue to build on their understanding of how their body reacts to exercise.

