

Year Two Newsletter

Literacy



This half-term we will be supporting your child's developing sentence structure, our key text this half term will be called "Troll Swap" by Leigh Hodgkinson.

The key outcome for this unit of work will be for the children to write a short narrative based on the key characters in the story.

It is so important that children enjoy both reading and writing and have selected key texts for this half-term to reflect this.

Please take time daily to practise reading with your child. Books will be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday.

Dates for your diary ...

Events	Dates
Macmillan Coffee Morning	September 25 th
Skip2BFit	October 1 st
Parents Evening	October 6 th
Harvest Festival	October 20 th
Halloween Disco	October 20 th

Autumn 1



Last day of term:
23rd October 2026

Religious Education

Our focus question in RE this half term is **"Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?"** This unit will focus on Christianity and Jesus's example as the Son of God. The children will look at the importance of kindness.



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.

Mathematics

Our new topic upon returning to school this half-term is place value with numbers up to 100. The children will work on partitioning numbers and understanding the place value of each digit. They will be introduced to representing numbers on blank number lines before moving on to 2-, 5-, 10- and 3-times tables.

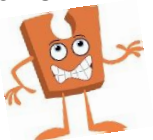
Towards the end of the half term, we will begin to work with addition and subtraction with 2-digit numbers.

To support your child, practise recalling multiplication and division facts regularly. Children will need to read and write numerals to 100 as words so this can also be practised at home.

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 **Being Me in my World**. Through this topic we will explore **"Who am I and how do I fit?"** We will discuss some important issues including their rights and responsibilities and positive contributions.



You could try talking to your child about what makes them feel proud and what they are most looking forward to learning about in Year two.

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Art and DT

All children are artists! During this half-term your child will explore the art within collection. The children will collect natural resources and use these to create their own art work. This will develop their sketching, pattern making, construction and printing.



Science

This half term in science, our topic is **Animals, including humans: Life Cycles**. The children will learn about the human lifecycle and how we change as we grow older. This will include an investigation which will encourage the children to use their measuring skills. We will then look at some animal lifecycles and learn about what humans and animals need to survive. The children will learn how to keep healthy, hygienic and what a balanced diet should include.

Each half term, we will conduct hands-on investigations in Key Stage 1. During these activities, the children will build key scientific skills such as predicting, observing, recording, and drawing conclusions. We will also encourage critical thinking about questions and guide the children in planning a fair test.



Music

In our music lessons over the next few weeks your child will be learning a new song "Hands, Feet, Heart". The children will continue learning to play the glockenspiel, playing notes in time to a backing track. The children will then move on to learning a basic history of music. They will listen to music from the Baroque period all the way through to modern



History

We will begin our history learning by focussing on our big question **"How was school different in the past?"** We will explore how schools have changed overtime by comparing schools today with those from the past. We will use sources to research and develop and understanding as well as plot dates on a timeline.

Computing

During Autumn One, your child will begin to understand the different types of computers and technology in our world. They will develop their knowledge of using IT safely.

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.

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.