# Year One Curriculum Newsletter




## English

This half term, our main focus in English will be developing our sentence-writing skills. We will be learning how to write clear, correctly structured sentences, using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Using our core text 'Katie in London' and some exciting Christmas activities, we will write a simple information text about all of the things that can seen in London. We may also write some very special letters as we move closer to Christmas!



## Religious Education

In the countdown to Christmas, your child will be learning about why Christmas is an important time of year for Christians, and we will be thinking about why being a 'giving' person is so important.

We will also be reading and performing the Nativity Story and discussing the season of advent.

## Autumn Two



Last day of term:

Friday 18th December



## 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.

## Mathematics

This half term, we will be developing our understanding of numbers and building confidence with addition and subtraction. We will practise writing numbers correctly and learning our number bonds to 10 (e.g. 6 + 4 = 10). We will explore different strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems, including using number lines and finding missing parts. We will also learn about fact families and how addition and subtraction are linked (e.g. 3 + 5 = 8 and 8 - 5 = 3).

Towards the end of the half term, we will focus on recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes, discussing their properties such as sides, corners and faces.



## Phonics

Phonics is such an important foundational skill – it allows your child to read and write. Children in Year One at this stage in the year should be reading a Purple Book and soon moving onto a Pink Book by Christmas.

Your child should be secure in their Set 1 Sounds and becoming more confident in recognising, saying and reading the Set 2 Sounds. Please continue to support your child at home with their reading as often as you can.



## Science

This half term, we will be learning about seasonal changes and the weather. We will explore the four seasons and identify how the weather, temperature and length of daylight change throughout the year. We will focus particularly on the changes we notice during autumn and winter, such as leaves falling from trees and colder temperatures. We will also practise observing and recording the daily weather, discussing how it affects the clothes we wear and the activities we do.



## Geography

This half term, we will be learning about our local area and developing our geographical skills. We will explore our school grounds, identifying key features such as buildings, playgrounds and green spaces, before creating simple maps using symbols and labels. We will also go on a local area walk to observe the environment around us, identifying human and physical features.
Throughout the unit, we will practise using simple directional language, such as left, right, forwards and backwards, and discuss what makes our local area special.



## Music

Linking to our Science learning, we will be exploring 'The Four Seasons' by Antonio Vivaldi.

We will be considering the different instruments that we recognise and can hear playing in a piece of classical music and we will reflect on what we did and did not enjoy about the piece of music.



## ❄ The most wonderful time of the year! ❄

The children will be spending time learning their Nativity songs, we can't wait for you to see our very special performance!

## 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 warm 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.

**Homework**

1. A minimum of three reads of your child's phonics book
2. Accessing 10 minutes on Numbots
3. Homework Sheet in folder

