

Curriculum Newsletter

Class Topics

Spring 2023



Welcome to the Woore Primary and Nursery School Curriculum Newsletter

Homework

Following the recent parent/carer survey on homework provision, we are looking to revise/tweak our homework arrangements going forwards over the next few weeks with the aim to put this in place after half term.

Until further information is provided to parents following our homework review, homework arrangements remain the same as previously with work to be submitted on Seesaw or on MyMaths and Spelling Shed by each Monday Morning. Teachers will be setting out the homework plans for each class next week and will inform you of this when completed.

Reading

Just a gentle reminder that **DAILY** reading is part of the homework routine for school aged children. This applies even when children become independent readers. Parental support and guidance has a huge impact on reading outcomes which also translates across the wider curriculum. Please ensure **reading diaries are signed** by parent/carers or an older sibling when children have read at home. Thank you! Regular readers each half term are entered into a prize draw for winning a new book, along with the usual rocket prizes.

Forest School

Children will continue to attend forest school sessions each week across the school over the spring term. As the weather can be extremely cold over the next few months, it is **ESSENTIAL** that all children have a **warm coat and waterproofs**, not just a waterproof coat over their school jumper. Hats, scarves and gloves are also required. An extra pair of socks would also be beneficial for warmth and in case socks get wet.

Volunteers in school

We are always welcome of any extra help with reading and group work in the classrooms. If you feel that you have some spare time and would like to work with the children in school, please enquire through the school office.

Spring themes:

Nursery: A Ticket to Ride & Animals Everywhere

Class 1: Toys & Down on the Farm

Class 2: Shropshire's Industrial Revolution & The UK

Class 3: Extreme Earth

Our School Rules:



We would love you to practice these at home too!



Remember! Are you ready to learn? How could you be resourceful?
Are you respectful? Do you keep yourself and others safe?
Stop to think! What could you do?

Nursery

Welcome back! I hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and have enjoyed a well earned rest. We look forward to hearing all about it from the children.

We have a very busy term planned ahead! We will start the first half of the term off exploring our new topic 'A ticket to ride' Here we will be looking at different forms of transport, where we live, and the moon/space. This will be followed by our second topic 'Animals Everywhere'.

Becky, Cat, Dawn & Kerry

Class 1

Welcome back Class 1! We have a term of two halves planned over Spring. Our first half term we will be learning about Toys old and new. The second half term we will be learning around the theme of 'Down on the Farm.'

Over the first half term, we will learning about how toys have changed within living memory. Looking at Toys from the past and comparing them to present day toys. We will be learning about why toys have changed and how toys are made.

During our English lessons we will be looking at some lovely old fashioned texts like Dogger, Old Bear and Lucy and Tom along with some more modern favourite like Traction Man and A Night in the Toy Museum. The children in Year 1/2 will be writing to describe some old toys, describing story settings and even having a go at creating their own narratives. In Reception, Children will practice writing for a purpose labelling toys and having a go at verbally retelling stories and creating their own Punch and Judy shows. This half term we will have a real focus on letter formation and handwriting everyday!

Our PE sessions will be linked to Movement and Dance curriculum, children will be taking part in creating a Toys dance to perform to their peers. PE sessions will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoon so children can wear their Pe kit on that day.

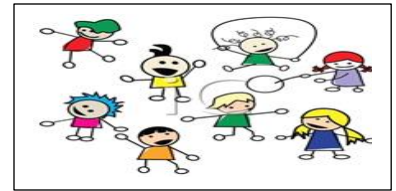
In D&T, we will be learning how wheels and axels work and attempting to build our own toy cars. We will test our wheels in our very own car race to see which is the fastest design.

During Maths sessions, Reception will focus on subitising and cardinality using Number blocks to help children develop their recall of simple number facts. In Year 1/2 the children will be moving to using numbers to 20, place value and solving addition or subtraction problems using these numbers.

In the first half term during R.E, our learning will be centered around the Jewish faith and learning about how Jewish people live and celebrate special times. The second half term we will be learning about Easter and Christianity.

In Science, we will be learning about identifying animals ready for our next half term topic down at the farm. We will learn about common UK mammal, amphibians, birds and reptiles. As part of our learning we look at caring for different pets. If you have a pet that you would like to bring into school for story time please let Miss Holland know. We did this last year and the children loved seeing Henry's Hamster and Miss Holland's hoppers. Hopefully, we could have even more creatures this year.

Miss Holland, Mrs O'Dowd and Miss Broomhall.



Homework-Class 1

Reading- Daily – please try to read every day with your child.

Spellings- Weekly activities are added to Spelling Shed.

My Maths – Activities will be set each week on My Maths for Year 1 & 2 children

Number Facts- Year 1 & 2 children: please practice sequencing and writing numbers to 100, continue to practice counting in 2s, 5s, 10s.

Project (1st Half Term)- The theme for this half term is Toys old and new please complete by Monday 13th February 2023

Independent Study (2nd Half Term)- Weekly homework, please complete an activity each week from the task sheet that has been uploaded to Seesaw.

How Parents Can Help

Parents can help by supporting their child with their reading, spelling and recalling number facts. Ask questions about what your child is reading, help them to count and recognise numbers, and support them in researching topic work. Help your child to become independent with everyday tasks; such as fastening coats and tying shoe laces.

Useful Websites

www.woore.org

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<https://play.edshed.co/login>

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Class 2

Hello, and welcome back! This term we are looking at a range of really exciting topics around the theme of 'Forces and Energy'. In the first half-term this will be through exploring Shropshire's role in the Industrial Revolution. In the second half-term, we will shift our focus to Geography and discover facts about the UK with a particular focus on Scotland.

In English, our first book to form the basis of our writing is 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. This is a wonderfully imaginative wordless picture book that will hopefully inspire some super writing. After half term, we will be looking at Ted Hughes' classic story The Iron Man.

In Maths, the first half term will be focused on multiplication and division. We will also be looking at shape, measurement and some fractions too! We will continue to look at our times tables, especially for Year 4 as they work towards their Multiplication Check in the Summer Term.

We have two science topics this term: firstly, we will be looking at electrical circuits. We will be designing our own circuits, adding components and testing them! After half term, we will look at magnets and forces.

Our Art lessons this term will focus on the paintings of Rebecca Cresswell and we will also look at the landscape art of Andy Goldsworthy. We will be developing our painting and drawing skills as well as getting outside to be creative! After half-term, we will be working on a D&T project which is all about fresh food and in particular fish. We will look at sustainability and seasonal produce.

In Computing, we will be learning how technology affects our lives and how to effectively search the internet and after the holiday, we will be using our coding skills on Purple Mash once more.

In French, we will learn how to describe animals and pets. In RE, we will be looking at Muslim festivals and different religions' sacred and holy sites.

In PE, we will be learning some dance linked to our curriculum. This will be every Wednesday. We will also be practising for the inter-school archery competition. After half term, we will be doing a range of indoor sports including kurling, bowls and badminton.

Forest school will be every Thursday. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing (it gets cold down in the forest!) with their name in. The children will not be allowed to take part in Forest School without the right clothing.

The Spring Term is always exciting as we move towards the warmer weather and we really see the children make progress in their learning. We can't wait to get started!

Mr Davies, Mrs Battrick and Mrs Wicks

Homework

Reading- Daily, both a range of non-fiction and fiction. Each time your child reads at home they receive a star on their rockets for a prize! Regular readers will enter a prize draw half termly.

Spellings- Weekly spellings are set on Mondays. These spellings will be tested on Monday mornings. Lists and games are on the Spelling Shed website.

MyMaths – All children will be set weekly homework on MyMaths.

Times tables – Year 2 children need to be fluent with 2s, 5s, 10s forwards and backwards and count in 3s. Year 3 need to be fluent with 2s, 5s, 10, 3s, 4s and 8s. Year 4 need to know all their tables up to 12x12.

Project (1st Half Term)- The theme for this half term is Shropshire's Industrial Revolution and is due on Thursday 16th February

Independent Study (2nd Half Term)- Weekly homework, please complete an activity each week from the task sheet that has been uploaded to Seesaw.

How Parents Can Help

Parents can help by supporting their child with their reading, spelling and multiplication tables, as well as supporting any additional homework, such as topic work or research.

Useful Websites

<https://play.edshed.co/login>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> (Videos to support maths learning)

www.timestables.co.uk

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>



Class 3

Hi everyone, welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic break.

This term we are going to be looking at a range of exciting topics around the theme of 'Extreme Earth'. During the first half of Spring term, the children will have the opportunity to learn all about extreme weather in Geography. We will be investigating the different causes and the impact this has. In the second half-term our focus shifts to History where we will be looking at what life was like in the Victorian age.

As part of our topic work, a lot of our writing will be exploring different ideas that we can use to create a story narrative. One of our key texts for the term 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. It's not all about writing a good narrative though! We will also be looking at creating our own set of recount instructions. Our writing will also be linked to other areas of the curriculum, grammar and punctuation will be taught alongside.

In Maths, we will be finishing up our work on the four operations, and starting on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be carrying on with our regular times table practice, being fluent in this is really important as it will help unlock so much of what we do in maths.

We have two Science topics this term: firstly, we will be focusing on electricity. Here, we will be investigating the different types of electricity, as well as getting to grips with building our own circuit. After half term, we will be moving on to explore Earth and Space!

Our Art lessons this term will focus on the works of famous artist Vincent van Gogh. We will be learning about who he is, why he is famous and exploring some of his key art pieces. The children will be experimenting with perspective through painting and drawing their own pieces of art. After half-term we will move to exploring different structures from around the world - we might even have a go at lighting them up with our electrical skills!

In Computing, we will be putting our creative minds to use and trying our hand at some 3D modelling. Then later on in the term, we will be returning to look at the different ways that data can be stored on a computer.

This term PE will remain on a Wednesday. Please ensure each item of kit/uniform has your child's name on and that your child has their water bottle in school at all times, but this must go home every day to be washed. We will be starting with Dance and Zumba.

In French, we will learn how to talk about different planets and the world around us. In RE, we will be shifting our focus to look at the Hindu religion and exploring their way of life. In the second half of the term, we will then be exploring why Christians think that Jesus was the messiah, this then takes us up to Easter!

This term Mrs O'Dowd will be teaching RE, French and PSHE.

Forest school will also remain on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has weather-appropriate clothing, again with their name in.

NO pencil cases will be allowed in school at all. Children will be provided with their own equipment.

We can't wait to welcome you back!

Miss Davenport and Mrs Gill

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Spellings- Weekly spellings are sent home on Mondays via Spelling Shed. These spellings will be tested on Monday mornings. Lists and games are on the Spelling Shed website.

Times Tables - All children in Class 3 MUST know their times tables up to 12x12 fluently and quickly. These MUST be practiced weekly.

MyMaths - All children will be set weekly Mymaths homework, to be completed by the following Monday.

Project (1st Half Term)- The theme is 'Extreme Earth'. Due Thursday 16th February.

Independent Study (2nd Half Term)- Weekly homework, please complete an activity each week from the task sheet that has been uploaded to Seesaw.

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<https://www.math-salamanders.com/>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> (Videos to support maths learning)

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/> - a fantastic website for catch up lessons!

