

Curriculum Newsletter

Class Topics

Autumn 2023



Welcome to the Woore Primary and Nursery School Curriculum Newsletter

Homework

Homework for the first half term will include a project linked to the topic for each class. Please refer to the details provided by your child's class teacher on Class Dojo.

In addition to the project, pupils have weekly maths homework on Mathshed and weekly spellings on Spelling Shed.

Daily Reading continues to be a part of the homework routine, I cannot emphasise enough how important regular reading at home has on pupils' progress not only in reading but also across the curriculum. This applies even when children become independent readers. 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 autumn term. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure children have **WARM** coats, hats, scarves and gloves as well as waterproof clothing and wellies.

School Visits

The teachers are busy organising school trips for the term ahead and these will be communicated shortly. We love to provide children with first-hand practical experiences outside of the classroom to enhance their learning.

Sporting Events

We have a range of inter-school sporting events coming up with the first one taking place very soon on Thursday 12th October. This will be a cross-country event for Yr1-6 at the Grove School.

Special Events

We have planned in a range of special events across the term which link into our curriculum. These include: Harvest Festival, Remembrance, Anti-bullying week, National Poetry Day, Children in Need, Christmas Play, Choir Carol Singing and Christmas Jumper Day.

Autumn themes:

Nursery: Being, Belonging & Becoming

Class 1: Here We Are

Class 2: Witches, Woods and 6 Wives!

Class 3: River Rapids

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

This term Nursery's topic is "Being, Belonging and Becoming". We will be naming our body parts through songs and rhymes, observing ourselves in mirrors and noticing our features. We will be talking about school and being Ready, Respectful, and Safe. Towards the end of the term we will be looking at different community jobs and possibly deciding what we would like to be! We will be talking about healthy foods and sometimes foods. In phonics we will be developing our listening skills; listening to the beginning sounds in our names and listening to sounds in the environment. In art we will be drawing self portraits and looking at other portraits. We will be finding out what colours children know and discovering all the different things we can count. A busy term ahead!

Class 1

Welcome back Class 1. We hope you've had a lovely Summer holiday.

We have a term of two halves planned over Autumn. Our topic for the Autumn Term is 'Here We Are'.

For the first half term we will be reading 'Here we are' written by Oliver Jeffers alongside some of his other story books. As well as linking this text to our English we will also be looking at the traditional tale of 'Goldilock and the 3 bears'. The second half term we will be reading 'The Tiger who came to tea'.

During our English lessons the children will be starting to write more complex sentences about the greater world around us and what makes us special and unique. The reception children will have a heavy focus on their pencil grip, fine motor skills and mark making in their books, forming some recognisable letters. The Year One children will be expected to be using some amazing adjectives within their writing and all children will be encouraged to remember their success criteria when it comes to writing, for example- finger spaces, capital letters, full stops.

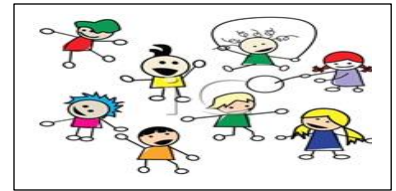
This term we will continue to have a real focus on letter formation and handwriting every day! We have continuous provision set up for all of the children to access throughout different parts of the school day with both writing and reading opportunities available in every area. Our PE sessions will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoon so children can wear their PE kit on that day. Our focus for P.E for this term is 'An introduction to P.E and Gymnastics' In D&T, we will be learning about free standing structures and how to create them linked to our traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the three bears'.

During Maths sessions, Reception will begin their new scheme 'Mastering Number' and will be focusing on numbers 1-5, introducing subitising using Number blocks to help children develop their recall of simple number facts. In Year 1 the children will be looking at place value (within 100), addition and subtraction and shape.

In the first half term during R.E, our learning will be centred around being special and where we belong. We will be looking at how we should care for the world and others and what makes us special and unique. The second half term we will focus on the Christmas story and why is Christmas special for Christians?

In Science, for the first half term we will be learning about our bodies, animals including humans and what our body is made up of, why is it important to be healthy? For the second half term we will be focusing on seasonal changes, Autumn/ Winter. As part of our learning, we have set up a new seasons table for the children to add to and explore daily. If you have anything at home that would be suitable for the seasons table, please bring it in for us to investigate and display.

Thank you for all of your continued support.
Miss Ashley, Mrs O'Dowd and Mrs Pennill



Homework-Class 1

Reading- Daily – please try to read every day with your child. 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 activities are added to Spelling Shed.

Maths – Activities will be set each week on MathShed.

Number Facts- Year 1 children: please practice sequencing and writing numbers to 100, we will be working on place value (within 100).

Project (1st Half Term)- The theme for this half term is Autumn alongside our text 'Here We Are' written by Oliver Jeffers. Please complete your project by Monday 23rd October 2023 (more details to follow on class dojo).

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://play.edshed.co/login>

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

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

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



Class 2

Hello, and welcome to a new school year! This term we are looking at a range of really exciting topics and subjects.

In Writing, we are going to be basing lots of work around the traditional tale of 'Hansel and Gretel'. We are going to be reading Anthony Browne's version to help us (<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hansel-Gretel-Anthony-Browne/dp/1406318523>). We will be writing stories, poems and non-fiction texts this term. In the second half term we will be basing our writing around 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward (https://www.amazon.co.uk/Tin-Forest-Helen-Ward/dp/1848776675/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3FUAZXBATY15N&keywords=the+tin+forest&qid=1694015678&s=books&prefix=the+tin+forest%2Cstripbooks%2C1598&sr=1-1). This is a lovely story that links ideas around creativity and the environment.

In Maths, the first half term will be focused on place value, using the four operations and learning our times tables. Being fluent in the latter 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 looking at light and dark. We will be exploring where we get light from, how it travels, what is a shadow and much more! This is a super topic with lots of chances to carry out some practical experiments. In the second half term we will be looking at rocks and fossils.

Our Art lessons this term will focus on drawing skills and in particular using charcoal to make expressive lines. After half-term, we will be working on a D&T project linked to our history topic: designing a moving history book with levers and linkages.

In Computing, we will be learning how to stay safe online including how to do safe searches. After the holiday, we will be using our coding skills on Purple Mash once more.

In French, we will learn the key vocabulary that will help us in our French lessons throughout school. In RE, we will be looking at what it means to be a muslim and in the second half term we will explore just why Christmas is so important to Christians.

In PE, we will be trying our hand at ball skills with a focus on tag rugby. This will take place every Thursday. After half term, we welcome back Jason Tucker for gymnastics.

Also on Thursdays is Forest School. 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.

We are really excited to be welcoming you all back and can't wait to see what the children will achieve.

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.

Maths – All children will be set weekly homework on MathShed.

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. Children will be able to use TimesTable Rockstars to help with this.

Project (1st Half Term)- The theme for this half term is Light and Shadow to link with our science topic. This is due on Friday 20th October.

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>

<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

Welcome back after the Summer holidays and I hope everyone is looking forward to another school year. I am really excited to get stuck into some new and thrilling learning this half term.

English

This half term we will be focusing our class texts around 'Rivers'. We will be reading 'A River' by Marc Martin to kick off the year and using the story to develop our own narrative poetry describing the journey down a river. We will then look at the book 'River Boy' by Tim Bowler and use this fiction story to help us write our own story based around a journey.

Then we will be focusing our learning around 'Robin of Sherwood' by Michael Morpurgo as we investigate Crime and Punishment.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on Place Value to ensure children have a good understanding of Number including decimals and negative numbers. Then we will start to practice our arithmetic skills including addition and subtraction using mental and formal written methods and strategies to solve reasoning problems. There will also be a focus on Times Table and Number facts to ensure children can recall these efficiently and correctly. Please assist with this at home - it has a huge impact on learning.

Science

This half term we will be exploring 'Light' including understanding and explaining how light moves, how we are able to see some objects but not others and how we can reflect rays of light to change its direction. We will then be focusing on 'Animals including humans' which will focus on learning about the digestive systems, food chains and the functions of teeth.

Art or Design Technology

We will be focusing on Typography and Maps, which will involve using our own texts and writing to create Maps of cities that include rivers to link in with our topics. We will develop and explore these concepts within our sketch books before creating a final piece of art based on this topic. After half term, we will be using Cams to produce a Christmas toy with moving parts.

Computing

We will be focusing on how to stay safe when we are online and be aware that when we are online, we need to ensure we keep our identities and personal information safe. Then we will be looking at what a spreadsheet is, how they are used and how they are generated.

French

In French, we will learn the key vocabulary that will help us in our French lessons throughout school. Then we will be looking at how we can tell others that we have pets and describe them.

RE

Children will learn about the values and key beliefs within Judaism and then focus on local Jewish places of worship or influential religious figures and compare to the beliefs of other religions.

PE

We will be practicing our ball skills with a focus on Tag Rugby. This will take place every Wednesday. After half term we will be practicing our gymnastics skills with Jason Tucker.

Also on Monday is Forest School. 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.

Many thanks from Mr Dennett, Mrs Battrick and Mrs Pegg.

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 be entered into a prize draw half termly.

Spellings- Weekly spellings are sent home on Fridays. These spellings will be tested on the following Friday 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.

Maths - All children will be set weekly MathShed homework on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

Project (1st Half Term)- Our focus in geography this half term is 'Rivers'. Your project could involve a fieldtrip to a river, a piece of artwork based on water, you could research a local river or one around the world or even create your own river model to show its journey from Source to Mouth. Please return projects by Friday 20th October.

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.

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

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

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

