

Curriculum Newsletter

Class Topics

Autumn 2022



Welcome to the Woore Primary and Nursery School Curriculum Newsletter

Homework

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. New logins for each app will be sent out as your child will have moved year groups. Please keep these safe for reference.

Reading

Reading continues to be one of the non-negotiable parts of our homework and we do expect children to read everyday at home with an adult/older sibling wherever possible. Please remember to continue to read with your child even when they become free readers as your interaction and support will continue to improve their skills. In order to help us, please write your comments in the reading record book that comes home with your child. We will continue to reward children for reading regularly at home when completing their rocket charts. Consistently regular readers will then be entered into a prize draw each half term to win a book prize.

Being Equipped for School

Daily items required for school are: water bottle, hat/cap (weather dependant), coat, reading books and record, forest school kit on set days. P.E kits are to be worn on your child's P.E day instead of school uniform. No pencil cases, toys or other unnecessary items to be brought in.

Forest Schools

Forest Schools will continue as previously with Class 3 on Monday afternoons and Nursery, class 1 and 2 on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that warm layers are provided, along with waterproofs and wellies. In colder weather, hats, scarves and gloves will also be required.

Keeping in Touch

As a reminder, teachers may message you from time to time using class dojo. You can also send messages direct to your child's teacher if you have an important query or message. Teachers will respond to messages as soon as they are able during the hours of 8.00 and 5.00 on week days. The office will send information out via email and text as appropriate.

Parent Volunteer Readers

We are always looking out for additional volunteers to listen to children read, contact Mrs Ward if you are interested.

Autumn themes:

Nursery: You, Me and Everyone Else

Class 1: How do we get there? Space Crusade.

Class 2: Around the World

Class 3: The African Climate

Our School Rules:



We would love you to practice these at home too!



Remember! Are you resilient?

How could you be resourceful?

Can you find what you need?

Do you try and try again?

Stop to think! What could you do?

Nursery

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a fabulous summer and have made the most of the lovely weather we've had. We look forward to hearing all about it from the children.

We have a very busy term ahead of us. We will be starting the term off with our first Topic 'You, Me and Everyone Else'. As part of this topic we will be looking at People who help us, Superheroes, Staying healthy, our families and staying safe. Our second Topic of the term will be 'Tell me a story'. This will include traditional tales and familiar tales. During the second half of the term we will also be planning lots of fun activities centered around Halloween, Bonfire night and of course Christmas.

Becky, Cat and Dawn

Class 1 Hello to all new and former members of Class 1 as we get ready for a fun filled term! This Autumn term our topic is How do we get there? The first half term will focus around a Space Crusade and the second half term we will embark on an Artic Adventure as we ask the question 'How do we get there?'

This term in English we will look at some fun, fantasy stories all about aliens and outer space.

We will explore characters and retell some super stories by award winning authors such as Oliver Jeffers and Claire Freedman. As always, all our writing activities will be purposeful and closely linked to our weekly texts. We will get the chance to make story maps, describe different planet settings and tune into characters from our world and outer space.

During Maths sessions we will be looking at number recognition and place value to help secure children's number sense before moving onto more and less then addition/subtraction calculations. Our Maths Mastery approach will ensure children in Class 1 will dive deeper and gain a greater understanding of number through some fun maths problems. We will have a go at sorting planets, counting stars and combining groups of aliens.

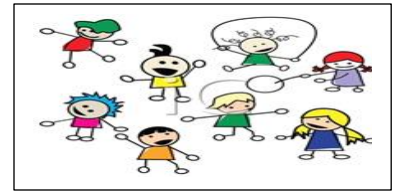
Our Space Crusade will allow us to learn about significant historical Space explorers such as Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison. We will learn about the moon landings and even have a go at creating our own moon buggies. In Science, we will be learning about our bodies and how astronauts have to be fit and healthy, we will also be taking part in our very own Astronaut Training Camp.

The art work of Andy Warhol is out of this world for many reasons (his drawing was flown to the moon on Apollo 12) and he made a 'Moon walk' pop art painting. We will be using different colour mixing techniques and combining media to create our very own Warhol inspired portraits.

During prayers and reflection in R.E sessions we will be learning about why it is good to be different and how God knows us all by name through Baptism. We will also be looking at how babies are welcomed into the Hindu and Muslim faiths.

In P.E we will be learning the important ABC'S (Agility, Balance and Co-ordination) before embarking on Gymnastics next term.

During PSHE we will be learning about staying safe in different situations. Looking forward to embarking on our next adventure, Miss Holland.



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. Become familiar with coins and notes and combining different coins to make amounts.

Project (1st Half Term)- The theme for this half term is Space Crusade Please complete by Thursday 20th October.

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 'Around the World'. In the first half-term this will be through exploring the Second World War and how this affected children in the UK and around the world. This will include looking at the Blitz in London and life as an evacuee. In the second half-term, we will shift our focus to Geography and discover facts about the continents and some key countries too.

As part of our topic work, a lot of our writing will explore ideas and texts linked to World War 2 and in time for Remembrance Day we will be looking at some war poems too. One of our key texts will be *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes. It's not all about the war though, as we will start the year by writing our own version of a well known fairy tale - *The Gingerbread Man*.

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 Materials. We will be exploring what makes materials suitable for certain tasks, the differences between human-made and natural materials and how we can make our use of materials more sustainable. After half term, we will look at health and movement, with a close look at nutrition and how it keeps our skeletons and muscles healthy.

Our Art lessons this term will focus on the work of the famous Scottish artist Jessie M. King. The children will be designing their own plates in the art deco style of this art nouveau artist. After half-term, we will be working on a D&T project linked to our World topic: designing a structure based on a famous global landmark.

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 follow God in a variety of religions, as well as building up to Christmas!

In PE, we will be going swimming for the first half term. This will be every Wednesday. Once more we will be working towards the ASA School Swimming Awards. After half term, we welcome back Jason Tucker for gymnastics.

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.

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 Booth

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 World War 2 and is due on Thursday 20th October.

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://whitosemaths.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 have missed you!

Our theme for this term is 'The African Climate'

During the first half term, children will have the opportunity to learn all about the UK's own climate in Geography and compare it to other climates such as the various climate zones in Africa.

Our English will link into this, where we are going to be focusing on the text 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. Children will be writing descriptions, diary entries, letters and more linked to the continent of Africa.

During the second half term, children will explore the text 'The Christmas Truce' by Hilary Robinson. Our writing will also be linked to other areas of the curriculum, grammar and punctuation will be taught alongside. This will link in closely with our history topic on remembrance. We also be covering the events of World War 2, learning about why the war started, the impact the war had, the countries involved and much more.

In Maths, we will focus on Place Value, the four operations and times tables for the first half term. It is extremely important that your child is fluent with all of the tables up to 12x12. We will move onto fractions, decimals, percentages, and geometry during the second half term. MyMaths homework will link to what the children have been learning in class.

In the first half term in Science, children will be exploring forces. This includes gravity, air resistance, friction and water resistance. Most of our lessons will be experiment based and children will focus on participating in investigations and becoming more confident and recording their results, predicting and analysing. The children will also have the opportunity to write scientifically, producing explanations and instructions. In the second half term, we will be focusing on 'Electricity'. This will also link into our D&T topic of 'Gears', where children will learn all about how gears work together as well as incorporating electricity to create a project.

Our Art lessons will focus on digital media. We will be learning about the ways in which digital media has been utilised in the modern world, the origins of digital media - and of course, having a go ourselves!

In computing, the class will first learn, in more detail, about E-Safety. E-Safety is crucial in today's era and it is vital that children know the advantages and dangers of online activity. In the second half term, the children will be learning about technology in our lives in which the children will develop on their knowledge of computer networks and how they can provide us with different services.

In our first term P.E lessons, the children will be going swimming, this will happen every Wednesday afternoon starting 7th September 2022. In the second half term, the children will be participating in a range of competitive team sports such as netball and badminton.

This term our R.E studies will cover 'creation and science', which will explore different conflicting and complementary views. We will then explore what it is like to be a Muslim in Britain today in term 2. This will lead us to look at the Christmas story.

In our French lessons, the children will be learning key vocabulary, phrases and sentences linked to hobbies and eating out. In music we will be receiving lessons from Joe Butler a specialist music teacher from Shropshire Music Service. Children will be learning various music components as part of their lessons.

Forest school will be every Monday, starting **Monday 12th September**. 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 equipment.

We're looking forward to teaching you! - 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 'The African Climate'. Due Thursday 20th October.

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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!

