



Curriculum Overview for Year

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First half of Spring Term 2019



Foxes Class

Class Teacher: Ms Cummins

**Support Staff: Ms Pearson
Ms King**

Squirrels Class

Class Teacher: Miss Clare

Support Staff: Mrs Shead

Our topic this half term is Commotion in the Ocean
Please see attached topic web for the overview of the half term

Literacy

We will continue to have Phonics sessions 5 times a week where the children will learn the phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (letters) as well as reading and spelling an increasing number of common exception words. Please practice reading and spelling these with your child at home. Phonicsplay.co.uk have free games your child can play at home to practice their sounds. Some children will be having extra support groups to catch up on any gaps. At Moss Lane we expect every child to read at home, every day. Please check your child's reading record to monitor their progress and their current Learning Target (LT).

P.E

P.E kit is needed in school every day as sometimes the routine has to be changed.

Long hair should be tied back at all times and earrings should be removed on P.E days. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled/

SCL P.E. lessons will be on a Wednesday and class teacher P.E. lessons will usually be on a Tuesday.

Allotment

We try to visit the allotment weather permitting as much as possible especially as we observe changes in our seasons.

How you can help your child at home

Find lots of opportunities for counting groups of objects around the house – like pairs of shoes, using gloves to count in fives and their toes to count in tens forwards and backwards. You can cut cakes, sandwiches and fruit into halves and quarters, estimate, measure distances in steps and weigh accurately when cooking by using the scales. Play I-Spy with your children, using phonemes and encourage them to sound out words whenever you can. Please try to find 5 – 10 minutes' special times to share a story with your child daily even making some up to extend your child's imagination. As we are learning about sea creatures, please point out any sea life / pond life you see and describe them.

Home Learning

Reading – daily, regular reading is a **critical** part of Year 1 and will enable your child to make good progress.

Wonder book – tasks to be completed at home between Thursday and Tuesday. The wonder books must be returned to school by **Tuesday** to give the teacher enough time to mark them before giving out the new homework on a Thursday. If this is not possible one week please tell us so we know when it can be brought into school/

Speaking and Listening – discuss your child's wonder book task with them as well as talking about all their learning both in school and at home. The topic web and class web page will guide you as to what we are learning.

Writing – encourage your child to compose their own sentences and to remember what they want to write. They can use their phonic knowledge to sound out and blend words to spell. To help them rehearse sentences they can use counters or pasta pieces using one piece for each word and moving the pasta as they write each word. Please don't rub out their mistakes...at Moss Lane we celebrate mistakes and learn from them so the children can just put a single line through a mistake.

Handwriting – encourage your child to form letters correctly. We talk about curly caterpillar letters, ladder letters one armed robot letters and zigzag letters.

Other Special Dates

Date	Event
4 th February	Squirrels Woodland School
8 th February	Foxes Woodland School

With best wishes for a very happy 2019
The Year 1 team