

Curriculum Newsletter

Class Topics

Autumn 2026



Welcome to the Woore Primary and Nursery School Curriculum Newsletter

Homework

Homework continues to be a weekly task in classes 1-3, please see details on the homework for each class on the pages ahead and on Class Dojo.

Forest School

Children in classes 1-3 will continue to attend forest school sessions each week across the school over the autumn term. As the weather begins to turn cooler, please ensure children have warm layers and a coat along with waterproofs and wellies.

Parent/Family Visitors

We continue to seek parental visitors to the school to share specific areas of expertise linked to their jobs or to support in our curriculum topics each term.

We always love to talk about potential career options to inspire and motivate children in specific areas of the curriculum or to help nurture and develop specific interests. If you would like to share information about your career we would love to hear from you.

We would also love to invite you to support in any specific topics the classes are covering if you have a specific expertise in the area.

If you are interested in supporting in this way, please speak to your child's class teacher directly.

Upcoming curriculum events

- **Harvest Celebration-** Please join us at St. Leonard's church on Friday 9th October at 9.30am. More information has been added to the school newsletter.
- **Halloween Crafts-** An afternoon of Halloween crafts has been planned for children and their families on Wed 21st October during the afternoon. More details to follow in an upcoming newsletter.
- **Little Wandle Phonics Workshops and Stay & Play events:**
 - **Reception Parents-** Mon 21st September 8.45-9.30
 - **Nursery Parents-** Mon 28th September 8.45-9.30
 - **Y1 Parents-** Mon 5th October 8.45-9.30

Further curriculum days and school events will be announced in due course.

Autumn themes:

Nursery: Being, Belonging and becoming

Class 1: The Journey Home

Class 2: Flying, finding and exploring

Class 3: Blackout

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 to the start of another new school year. Hope you all had a fantastic summer! It has been lovely to welcome back some new and returning children at nursery. Our Autumn term topic will be 'Being, Belonging and becoming.' An enquiry into, who we are, where we live and who we can become. We will also have opportunities to explore Diwali, Bonfire night, Remembrance day and of course Christmas, plus many more... Many thanks for your continued support.

Dawn, Emma, Davina and Charlie (Nursery Team)

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 'The Journey Home'.

For the first half term we will be reading 'The Journey Home' written by Emma Levey alongside a variety of seasonal books. As well as linking this text to our English we will also be looking at different traditional tales over the term. Our text for the second half term will be 'Supertato' written by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet.

During our English lessons the children will be starting to write more complex sentences using their crucial knowledge writing prompts and sound mats independently. 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 their phonics to form sentences and have the ability to re-read their own work to others.

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 a Monday 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 cooking and nutrition and having a go at making our own smoothies linked to our Science, Healthy Bodies unit.

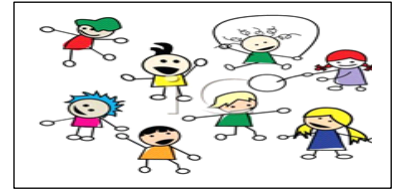
During Maths sessions, Reception will begin their new scheme 'Mastering Number' and will be focusing on numbers 1-5, introducing subitising using Number blocks to help children develop their recall of simple number facts. In Year 1 the children will be looking at place value (within 100), addition and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

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 arch for the children to add to and explore daily. If you have anything at home that would be suitable for the seasons arch area please bring it in for us to investigate and display.

Thank you for all of your continued support.
Miss Ashley, Mrs Dykes and Mrs Battrick



Homework-Class 1

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

Spellings- Weekly activities are added to Spelling Shed. (Year One only for the first half term)

Maths – Activities will be set each week on Magma Maths. (Year One only for the first half term).

Number Facts- Year 1 children: please practice Number facts to 10. Multiplication and Division. Reception- please practice recognising numbers to 10, quantities to 10 and odd/even numbers.

Project (1st Half Term)- This will be due w.c 12.10.2026 and the theme will be linked to the season Autumn. More information to follow on 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.school

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

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

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

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

Class 2

A huge welcome to Class 2 from Miss Hints. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and teaching you some really interesting topics. We will be working hard on classroom routines and expectations and continuing to developing our growth mindset through learning. I am thrilled to be joining the Woore team and be a part of your child's future education. I particularly enjoy English, History and RE and look forward to sharing my passions.

Our English Class Text will be 'Troll Swap' which is about a troll called Timothy Limpet who doesn't like being a troll. We will then progress to 'I flew around the world' which will be our non fiction text following the youngest woman to fly around the world solo. This will link to our history topic, 'How did we learn how to fly?' We will be starting with Geography, 'Why is our world so wonderful?' with Mrs Farmer.

Maths will follow The White Rose scheme daily, with a focus on Number, Place Value and Addition and Subtraction for the first term. We will also be using Mastering Number daily to help our reasoning confidence and mathematical oracy.

Science will begin with a focus on Light and Shadows, followed by 'How does the flow of liquids compare?' Mr Butler will continue his fabulous sessions in Music on a Wednesday morning. Forest schools will be a Thursday afternoon. PE has been moved to a Tuesday, where we will begin our learning with Ball skills. PSHE will be focusing on Families and Relationships followed by Health and Well being, looking at how we can build positive relationships and respect one another. Our RE unit will cover Buddhism and the discovery of how a Buddhist lives a good life. Computing will focus on E-safety. Art's focus will be on drawing, and the drawing of inspiration from nature including nature collages and nature sketching.

As well as continuing Little Wandle for those children in Year 2, Mrs Farmer will have a Year 2 reading and spelling group. Mrs Farmer will also be teaching the class for RE and French.

Thanks so much in advance for your support. Please keep in touch should you need to, by either writing in your child's reading diary or messaging me on Class Dojo.

Here's to a great term for Class 2.

From the Year 2 team; Miss Hints, Mrs Farmer, Mrs O Dowd and Miss Wiggins (The Class 2 team)

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. This will start Monday 8th September.

Maths – All children will be set weekly homework on Magma Maths. This will start on Monday 8th September too.

Times tables – Year 2 children need to be fluent with 2s, 5s, 10s forwards and backwards and then build on this knowledge to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Year 3 need to know the same AND 3's, 4's and 8's.

Project (1st Half Term)- I would like you to produce something creative on the theme of **flying**. This could be a piece of art, a model, a story, a poster, anything! Please ensure all projects are in school by **Monday 20th October**. Thank you!

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! This first term is going to be packed full of exciting learning and lots of special experiences and opportunities- we can't wait to get started! Our topic of learning is going to be '**Blackout**' and as the name suggests, we will be investigating what happened to the people of Britain during the second World War.

In English, we will be starting our new book 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo, which explores the adventures of David, who is an evacuee during the second World War. We will have many opportunities for drama using this text, writing in role as David and progressing onto writing our own story based on the war.

In Maths this term we will be focusing on Place Value and Number before moving onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are planning on having many opportunities for hands on learning throughout these units. A great term to build firm foundations in Maths. Mastering Number sessions will also take place daily to deepen the children's understanding of number.

In Science, we will be looking at the 'Electricity' unit which involves exploring what electricity is, how it can be transported, used and we will also be building our own circuits using different types of components. We will explore how the current can be changed and which different factors affect brightness and sound.

Our Art lessons this term we will be focusing on the unit '2D to 3D'. This will explore how we can create 2D drawings and painting and then use these as inspiration to create a 3D structure. We will be looking at different forms of cake and then producing our own model of a slice of cake to be presented.

In Computing, we will be exploring how to use programs and apps to control different sprites and input instructions using specific language and terms.

In French, we will be learning about language associated with school. Thinking about how to ask for different objects, different spaces or subjects that we might use to describe our days.

In RE, we will be thinking about the question 'Are all religions created equally?'. This will help the children to explore some of the different religions that are practiced in Britain and start to understand that everybody should be treated equally even if they have different beliefs.

In PE, we will be focusing on invasion game sports, specifically rugby. We will explore how to correctly hold a ball, throw accurately, find space and use tactics to score tries. We will explore the rules of the sport and build up to playing some competitive matches against one another.

Forest school will continue to take place every Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing (they will need waterproofs, wellies and warm layers) with their name in.

There will hopefully be lots of opportunities for outdoor learning this term and making use of the great space that we have at Woore. We will hopefully be making lots of fun memories in the process and getting to know each other a little bit more.

All our very best.

Mr Dennett, Mrs Battrick, Mrs Cliff & Mrs Pennill (The Class 3 Team)

HOMEWORK

Reading To happen as often as possible and children finishing their books regularly will build up more stamps in their 'Passport to Reading'.

Spellings Weekly spellings are sent home on Mondays via Spelling Shed. These spellings will be tested on the following Monday. 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 Magma Maths homework on a Monday to be completed by the following Monday.

HOMEWORK PROJECT

We would love for you to create something that can be displayed in school linked to **World War 2**. This could be written, drawn, painted, researched, baked, sewn, crafted, typed, recorded. Be as creative as you possibly can and we will share and display these in class. Please ensure projects are returned before **Monday 19th October**. Thanks!

USEFUL WEBSITES

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

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https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/zb_r9wmn

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

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