

# Northwood Primary School

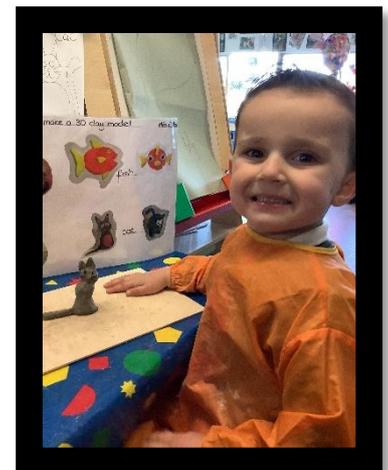
## Early Years Newsletter



Curriculum Information - Topics - Nursery					
Autumn 1 2021	Autumn 2 2021	Spring 1 2022	Spring 2 2022	Summer 1 2022	Summer 2 2022
Marvellous Me	Antarctica	Pets	Mini-Beasts	Plant Growth	Animals
Curriculum Information - Topics - Reception					
Autumn 1 2021	Autumn 2 2021	Spring 1 2022	Spring 2 2022	Summer 1 2022	Summer 2 2022
Ourselves	Africa	Dinosaurs	Birds	Plant Growth	Italy
Homework Timetable - Nursery					
	Issued		Returned to School		
Home School Diary	Friday		Wednesday		
Homework Timetable - Reception					
	Issued		Returned to School		
Phonic Reading book and Reading for Pleasure book	New Book is issued on Friday (to keep at home)		Return to School on Friday		

### Nursery

We have had a very busy term in Nursery. Children have been learning all about domestic pets and how to look after them. Did you know that a baby fish is called fry? Pupils have listened to and participated in topic specific stories and factual books about domestic animals. We have discussed alliteration and rhyming words, and introduced oral blending of cvc words like cat and dog. In Art, children have explored moulding and sculpting, and have created fantastic clay models. We have practised rote counting, subitising, 1:1 correspondence and numeral recognition. Pupils have enjoyed exploring the outdoor areas; tending to the garden, listening to the sounds in our environment, and getting creative in the mud kitchen.



## Reception Topic – Dinosaurs

This half term, the children were shocked to find that a T-Rex had broken into the school and laid some eggs in their classroom. They spent a day investigating the clues that the dinosaur had left behind and became palaeontologists! Firstly, they had to decide what type of dinosaur had been into school by inspecting the footprints and even some dinosaur poo! The children investigated the school premises and even found cracks in the floor and marks on the trees, which may have been made by the dinosaur. The children were fully immersed in the day, which was a great wow moment in their topic learning. The topic has also taught the children about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores, as well as potential habitats where the dinosaurs may have lived. They have developed their sketching skills, drawing dinosaur nests and eggs.



## Chinese New Year

The children in Early Years enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year this half term. The children learnt about Chinese culture and celebrations, including listening to traditional Chinese stories, myths and the Zodiac story, taking part in some dragon dancing with their hand made dragons and using drums to bang to the beat. The children also made their own dragonheads from junk models, which they could take home to keep. In addition, the children tasted some traditional Chinese food whilst listening to music. Lots of them had not seen or tried many of the foods and really enjoyed them! They had a lovely day and embraced the Chinese culture so well!



## Attendance

Please can you ensure that your child attends school/nursery on a daily basis. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, then please ensure that you contact school on the first day of illness and each additional day. Please also note that school attendance is compulsory for pupils aged five and above. Attendance for children below this age is highly beneficial for your child and will prepare excellent foundations to support future learning and life chances. You may receive a letter regarding your child's attendance and should you wish to discuss the content of this letter then please speak to Mrs Peart or Mr Curtis.

The Early Years Team would like to thank you for your continued support and hope you enjoy a well-deserved break! We look forward to another half term of excitement and wonderful learning opportunities with the children when we return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.