

Northwood Primary School

Early Years Newsletter



Curriculum Information - Topics - Nursery					
Autumn 1 2020	Autumn 2 2020	Spring 1 2021	Spring 2 2021	Summer 1 2021	Summer 2 2021
Marvellous Me	Antarctica	Space	Mini-Beasts Frog Life Cycle	Plant Growth	Animals
Curriculum Information - Topics - Reception					
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Ourselves	Africa	Dinosaurs	Animals and their Babies	Plants and Growth	By the Seaside

Nursery



Nursery children have enjoyed accessing outdoor learning. They have planted and cared for a range of vegetables and herbs including: cabbages, lettuces and runner beans. The pupils have learnt to identify basic plant parts (stem/flower/leaf) and have deepened their understanding of how to support plant growth. The children have developed skills in the area of sculpting and have successfully manipulated a variety of materials to explore textures and develop their fine motor skills.



Reception

Reception children have enjoyed learning all about plants and their growth. The children have enjoyed learning about Jack and his Beanstalk as well as the story of Jasper's Beanstalk. Reception children have planted their own beans and they have designed a castle for their beanstalks to climb up as they observe them growing. In art, children have enjoyed exploring collage, paint and clay, making flower mosaics and still life pictures. In discussions about plants, Reception have learned about the plants we eat. The children examined the story of Oliver's Vegetables and Oliver's Fruit Salad and discussed all of the vegetables and fruits that they can grow. The children have also been observing tomatoes growing alongside the beans in school as well as sunflowers that the children have planted.



Reception have also had the exciting addition of a pair of nesting blackbirds in the outdoor classroom, who have welcomed three new additions to the nest this week. All of the children have been very enthusiastic about this and it has been a wonderful learning opportunity. The children have observed the parents feeding the birds, counted how many visits they make in 5 minutes and observed the insects they have been feeding their young.



As the weather is becoming warmer next term, please can you send your child to school with a named sun hat and water bottle daily. Sun cream should be applied on a morning before they come into school.

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 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 Miss Robinson (Attendance Lead). Please see current attendance figures below for each class within the Early Years. National expectations for attendance is 96%.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing all children back at school on **Monday 7th June.**

The Early Years Team

Nursery	83.4%
Class 1	95.5%
Class 2	92.2%