

Northwood Primary School

Early Years Curriculum Newsletter



Curriculum Information - Topics					
Autumn 1 2023	Autumn 2 2023	Spring 1 2024	Spring 2 2024	Summer 1 2024	Summer 2 2024
Marvellous Me	Let's Celebrate	People Who Help Us	New Life	Amazing Animals	It's a Wonderful World
Reading Timetable					
	Issued		Returned to School		
Book to share (Nursery and Reception)	Friday		Wednesday		
Reading Book (Reception only)	Friday		Wednesday		

Nursery

This half term the children in Nursery have come on leaps and bounds. It has been lovely to see their relationships blossom and try lots of lovely activities within the provision. The children have made a great start to their phonics learning as they have now learned to identify 6 phonemes (sounds) and they are getting much better at identifying their own names in written form. They have continued with their passion for story and have been engaged in a range of texts to develop their understanding of different celebrations. They have also been immersed in their maths learning by beginning to understand the number 2, matching objects and making repeat repeating patterns.

Let's Celebrate

This half term Nursery have been learning about different cultural festivals and why they are celebrated. They enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate bonfire night. The children had great fun making firework pictures. They loved learning about birthdays and sharing photos of themselves celebrating their own birthdays. They especially enjoyed creating their own party hats to wear to our own Nursery birthday party!



Hardwick Park

Nursery had great fun on their first school trip! They took part in a Stick Man workshop at Hardwick Park. They listened to the Stick Man story then made their own Stick Man from clay and natural resources. They then went on a story trail around the park to act out different parts of the story. They especially enjoyed dressing each other up as snowmen!



Reception

Let's celebrate and remember

This half term we have been learning all about significant events. We have looked at the festival of light – Diwali. We have learned the reason behind Remembrance Day and why it is so important. We have also explored Bonfire Night and why it is remembered. The children have really enjoyed learning about Christmas. The highlight was our Christmas Nativity show!



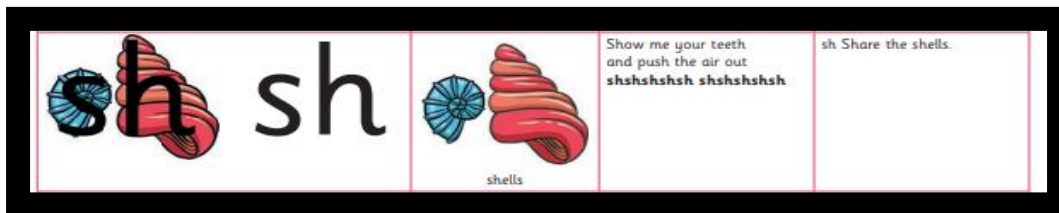
Let's investigate

This half term we have become scientists! We had lots of fun exploring different materials and their properties. We looked at magnets and how they attract and repel. We also looked at things that are bendy and not bendy.



Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

In Reception, we use the 'Little Wandle' teaching program for phonics. The pupils have really enjoyed learning to recognise and write sounds/letters. Children learn the correct way to say the phoneme/sound, the grapheme/letter, a mnemonic and letter formation patten to support writing. Pupils have continued to blend sounds to read words in the CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant eg cat, dog, hop). So far, the pupils have encountered all Phase 2 phonemes and digraphs. We have also looked at Phase 2 tricky words. If you require any further information about this teaching program then please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the teaching team.



Name Writing

This half term we had a big focus on being able to write our first names independently. The children have become less reliant upon name cards and are now more confident in forming their own names!

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. Children learn something new every day so it is vital that they are in school as much as possible.

It is also very important that your child is on time for school. It prevents them from missing key learning at the start of school day.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 3rd January.

**Thank you for your continued support,
The Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception)**