

# 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-Reception					
		Issued		Returned to School	
Book to share		Friday		Wednesday	
Reading Book		Friday		Wednesday	

### Nursery

This half term the children in Nursery have learnt about farm animals and their offspring. They began the term by learning about what is a farm and comparing farms. Then, they learnt which animals they would find on a farm. The children listened to a range of stories and rhymes to help them to name the animals and their young. The children learnt how to draw animals using templates, by adding features to and combining shapes using their fine motor control skills. The highlight of the topic was meeting Mike, Margot, and Midnight three ducklings and watching them swim. The children learnt to observe closely and talk about the features of a duckling.

### The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

This half term we revisited the life-cycle of a butterfly and finally saw the last stage in the life-cycle take place. We were very excited to see four beautiful butterflies emerge from their cocoon just like in the story by Eric Carle.



### Reception

This half term Reception children have been exploring animals and their offspring. The children have learnt lots about jungle animals through stories including 'Rumble in the Jungle' and 'Monkey Puzzle' and have had lots of fun in our jungle themed role play areas! They have enjoyed creating lots of artwork of their favourite jungle animals including lions, snakes and monkeys!

### Ducklings

The children have had some very special visitors this half term...the ducklings! The children watched carefully as the eggs started to crack and hatch before three little ducklings joined our class! The children named them; Margot, Midnight and Mike. They learnt how to take care of the ducklings providing them with food and water as well as a warm place to sleep. They have now moved to their forever home on an allotment.

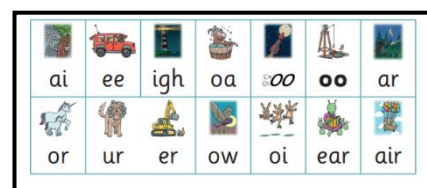


### Coming up.....

Reception will be having some very special visitors after the holidays...Amanda's Creature Comforts. Amanda will be bringing some very unique animals into the Reception for the children to handle. These creatures might include; snakes, lizards and tarantulas. This will allow the children to consolidate their learning from this half terms topic – amazing animals!

### Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

The children have continued to practise blending Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds to read CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant). They have also looked at Phase 2 and 3 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.



As well as writing their first names independently, the children have been learning to write longer words and simple phrases/sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

### Attendance

We aim for 96% attendance as a minimum for each child. The attendance figures for this half term are below;

Nursery – Mrs Neal and Mrs Thompson	80%
Class 1 – Reception – Miss Hindmarsh	95%
Class 2 – Reception – Mrs Park and Mrs Freeman	92%



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 **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception)

