

Northwood Primary School

Early Years Curriculum Newsletter



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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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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 grown in confidence and independence using their learning environment. It has been lovely to see the children make and develop good relationships with others as they share their many new and exciting resources. The older children have made a great start to their phonics learning as they have now learned to identify lots of new phonemes (sounds) and are beginning to notice them in words. They have continued with their passion for story and rhyme, as they engaged in a range of texts to develop their vocabulary and understanding of different occupations. They have also been immersed in their maths learning by beginning to recognise and understand numbers to 5, seeing amounts and counting objects. The children have been learning to recognise shapes and patterns, such as leaf, stick, leaf, stick in the outdoor areas.

During National Story Telling Week we read together the traditional tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children had great fun making and tasting porridge just like Goldilocks using different sizes of bowls and spoons. They loved retelling the story with a range of story props using their different voices! The classroom role play has provided opportunities to be the teacher and rehearse their daily routines and learning.

The Big School Birdwatch helped us to think about how we can care for the birds during winter. The children had lots of fun making bird feeders and binoculars too! Towards the end of the term it was the time to celebrate Chinese New Year with a dragon dance and pancake day.



People Who Help Us

This half term Nursery have been learning about different occupations and how they help us. Mog the cat and other pets needed the children's help from the V.E.T. The children enjoyed learning about Florence Nightingale a nurse and how she helped the soldiers get well again. The children have been absorbed in role play as the police this half term and enjoyed taking their fingerprints, searching for lost animals and making junk model police radios.

A visit from the fire officers with their fire engine

The fire officers showed us their uniforms and the equipment they use to help people in an emergency. Nursery had great fun holding the hose pipe from the fire engine learning how to put out a fire!



Reception

Reception have had a jam packed half term. The children have enjoyed exploring everything that Winter brings. They investigated snow and ice and discussed changes in the temperature and how it affects water.

People Who Help Us

The children have been learning about how firefighters and vets help us and animals. They have also learned about occupations in our local community such as hairdressers, nurses and bakers. The highlight was a visit from the local fire service to our school. The children loved asking them questions, looking at their uniform and especially trying the water hose!



Design Technology

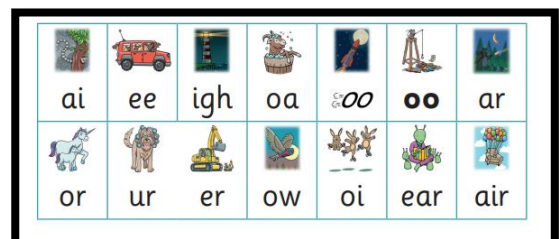


This half term we developed our fine motor skills in a baking project to create shortbread biscuits. We looked at following a recipe and observed the changes when the ingredients were cooked.

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

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 and 3 phonemes and digraphs. We 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.

Spring 1	Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	ai ee igh oa	
Week 2	oo oo ar or	was you they
Week 3	ur ow oi ear	my by all
Week 4	air er words with double letters: dd mm tt bb rr gg pp	are sure pure
Week 5	longer words	



As well as writing our first names independently, the children have been learning to write simple phrases using capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops.

Attendance

Please can you ensure that your child attends Reception/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 26th February.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception)