

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 the wonderful places around us in our beautiful world! They began by describing a park and then the seaside. They went on to create images of sea-creatures and make sculptures of shells for a hermit crab using clay. Listening to a range of stories and rhymes helped them to learn about a wide range of sea-creatures and methods of transport.



The children used and developed their fine motor control skills to draw different modes of transport using shapes to create outlines, then adding the features. The children have learnt about George Stephenson and his pioneering steam engine 'The Rocket'. Lots more fun was had with friends going on train journeys! The



children drew maps for the pirates to help find the buried treasure and finally they used their balancing skills to walk the plank!

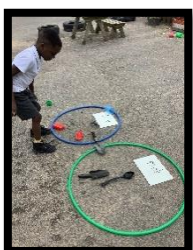


Scientific exploration - The children predicted and experimented with objects to find out which objects would float or sink. They then tested out the boats they made from foil.



Reception

This half term, Reception children have been learning all about our wonderful world! The children have enjoyed listening to a range of stories, which has allowed us to learn about the world around us. The children have learnt about the significant explorer Christopher Columbus and enjoyed making their own boats to set sail on a voyage! They were then able to work scientifically and discuss sinking and floating by testing a range of materials and sorting them into categories. The children have looked closely at a map and discussed where they live and what it is like to live in Darlington. They enjoyed talking about places that they visit in the local area as well as beyond!



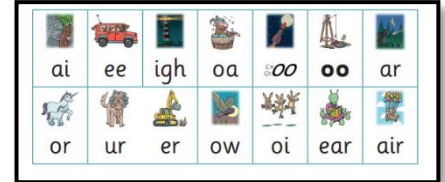
Creature Comforts

At the start of the half term, we were very lucky to receive a visit from Amanda at Creature Comforts. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about all the animals and were very brave holding and touching some of the animals including a snake!



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	81%
Class 1 – Reception – Miss Hindmarsh	96%
Class 2 – Reception – Mrs Park and Mrs Freeman	85%

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 **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception)