

Northwood Primary School

Early Years Newsletter



Curriculum Information - Topics - Nursery					
Autumn 1 2021	Autumn 2 2021	Spring 1 2022	Spring 2 2022	Summer 1 2022	Summer 2 2022
Marvellous Me	Antarctica	Pets	Mini-Beasts	Plant Growth	Animals
Curriculum Information - Topics - Reception					
Autumn 1 2021	Autumn 2 2021	Spring 1 2022	Spring 2 2022	Summer 1 2022	Summer 2 2022
Ourselves	Africa	Dinosaurs	Birds	Plant Growth	Italy
Homework Timetable - Nursery					
	Issued		Returned to School		
Home School Diary	Friday		Wednesday		
Homework Timetable - Reception					
	Issued		Returned to School		
Phonic Reading book and Reading for Pleasure book	New Book is issued on Friday (to keep at home)		Return to School on Friday		

Reception Topic – Africa

This half term has been very exciting in Reception, as the children have been learning all about Africa. The children have really enjoyed listening to many African stories including their favourites Handa's Surprise and The Ugly Five. The pupils have put themselves in Handa's shoes and have learnt to understand how her life is very different to their own. They have engaged with role-play in Handa's Hut, as well as creating some African animal inspired transient art. The children have learnt about why different African animals have patterned fur and have used this knowledge to inspire our World Tree Dressing Day.



The Jolly Christmas Postman



To inspire some of our writing in Reception, the children have explored the structure of a list. This was to prepare them for writing their own list to post to Santa. After engaging with the story, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' they discussed the role of a postman

or woman, and the importance of their job. When their lists were finished, they added them to a class envelope and walked to the post box on North Road to post them to Santa. The children implemented the road safety rules that they have learnt in previous weeks, to walk safely to post their letters, ensuring to cross all roads safely. We were so proud of the children as they greeted people in the local community and sang Christmas songs all the way!



Nursery Christmas

Pupils have learnt a selection of songs to extend their vocabulary and support their understanding of why Christians celebrate Christmas. The children have performed a selection of Christmas songs (which will be uploaded on Facebook) for you to enjoy. The pupils have also raised money for a very worthy cause: Unite for Uniforms. All children made a decoration for the globally recognised 'Dress a Tree' week.



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 Mrs Peart or Miss Robinson.

The Early Years Team wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 4th January 2022.**

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