

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 'New Life'. They began the term by learning about plants. They listened to a range of stories and we talked about what a plant needs in order to grow and the best way to look after them. The children planted beans when reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have enjoyed watering them and watching them grow. The children have spent lots of time learning outdoors planting and watering our garden to prepare it for spring time. They have sown wildflower seeds, planted bulbs and even potatoes.

The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

This half term began with the arrival of 4 tiny caterpillars into nursery. The children have watched them eat, grow and watched them form into a pupa. They have been waiting patiently to see them transform into a butterfly! The children have loved experiencing holding the caterpillars as they've grown. The children have learnt a lot about the life cycle of a butterfly and can name the four stages. They enjoyed reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carl and learning more about what caterpillars should eat and their habitats.



Reception

This half term Reception children have been exploring plants and growth naming parts of a plant, naming common garden plants, and discussing how growing conditions can affect them. The children have planted seeds, bulbs and flowers in the outdoor area and have been making sure they have enough water. They have explored growing plants indoor in other ways by using cress seeds grown on cotton wool and discussed what would happen if we didn't give the plants light and water.

Holi and Easter

The children have been learning about the festival of Holi, a Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life. We had a colour festival of our own that the children loved. We have explored the Christian celebration of Easter and the story behind why it is celebrated; the children have made cards in celebration of this.



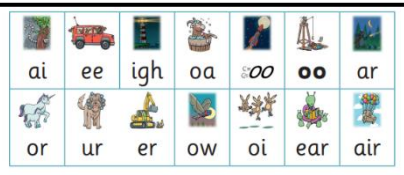
Coming up.....Reception will be having some very special visitors after the Easter holidays. Duck eggs will be arriving in class for the children to observe the hatching phase and the development of the ducklings over the first 2 weeks of term before they move on to their forever home. We will update you on their progress and the names they are given by the children.



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.

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 their first names independently, the children have been learning to write CVC words and simple phrases 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;

Class 1 – Reception – Miss Bacon	93%
Class 2 – Reception – Mrs Park and Mrs Freeman	94%



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 15th April 2024.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception)