



Year 1 Newsletter



Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 1! The children have settled in brilliantly to a new class and a new year group. Thank you for all of your support in preparing the children for the start of the year. The children are all looking very smart in their uniforms and new school shoes!

We are very excited for all of the learning ahead of us and are ready to start exploring our new topics this half term.

You will have seen some new reading logs come home with the children. We are eager to see how many times every child has read in a week so that they can earn some special rewards!

Dates for your diary

Monday is our PE day. Please come in the correct P.E. uniform.

Fridays —Library Club. Please return library books.

27th September— European Day of Languages

6th October — phonics workshop

The Norwich Road Academy Way

We are pleased to see so much good listening and polite manners so far in Year 1!

Please remember not to go on the playground equipment at the start and end of the school day.

All children are expected to wear the academy uniform everyday.

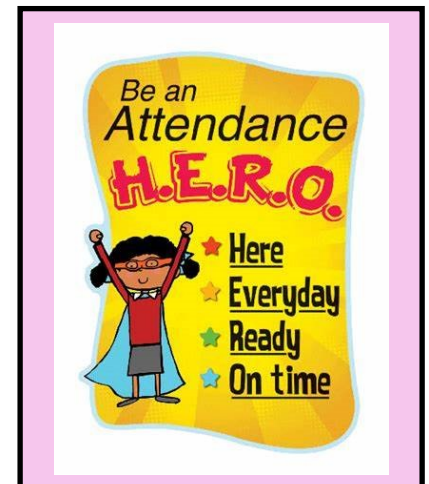
Children are able to come to school in their NRA PE kits on Mondays.

Attendance Matters

Our classrooms open at **8.40**.

Registration is **8.45**

Anyone arriving after this time will be recorded as late.



Our Value this half term is 'Be Proud'



An NRA Super Learner is proud of their own achievements in learning but also celebrates the learning achievements of others. They celebrate success and understand the contribution of their own and others efforts in achieving this.

This half term the children will be focusing on our Code of Conduct including: 'SMART' Walking 'SLANT' Listening Our Smart Uniform

Politeness and manners, these are 'SPENT': 'Smile, Please, Excuse me, use a Name, Thank you'. We encourage children to demonstrate this behaviour and use these words.

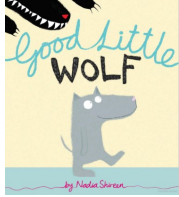


Curriculum Focus

English

This half term, we are reading 'Good Little Wolf' by Nadia Shireen. We will be using our phonics to help us read and write short sentences to form a simple journey story.

We will be making sure that all of our sentences have capital letters and full stops.



Maths

We will be doing lots of learning about place value this half term. We will work on our counting skills and learn to represent and read numbers to 10 and 20.

We will develop our problem solving and reasoning skills by answering more complex questions.

Science

Our topic in Science this half term is 'The Human Body'. We will be focusing on the five senses—sight, hearing, tasting, touching and smelling. We will be learning about how our eyes and ears work as well as how our senses help us to understand the world around us.



Phonics

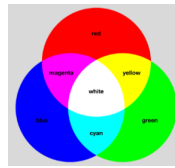
We will be reviewing our Phase 3 sounds over the coming weeks and move into Phase 4 and 5 during which the children will be able to read both previously learnt and new sounds in longer and more complex words.

The children will be developing their spelling strategies by using their segmenting fingers.



Art

Our topic in Art this half term is 'Colours'. The children will be learning about the primary and secondary colours. They will have the opportunity to investigate what happens when the colours are mixed. We will be looking at the work of Piet Mondrian and Claude Monet.



Life Skills

We will be discussing families and relationships during our Life Skills lessons this half term. Topics will include what families are, friendships, recognising emotions, working with others and identifying healthy friendships.

Music

Our Music lessons this half term will focus on 'Keeping the Pulse'. We will be clapping rhythms, swaying and tapping in time to the music, singing in a rhythm and performing with musical instruments!



Geography

This half term, our topic will be 'Spatial Sense'. This will include looking at maps from an aerial view, using a compass for direction and creating our own maps of familiar places.

We will also have the opportunity to further explore the local area.



Computing

The children will be learning about the technology around them this half term. We will be identifying technology around us, describing the features and parts of a computer and the children will have the opportunity to practice using a mouse and keyboard.

For further information on our curriculum please visit our website at: www.norwichroadacademy.co.uk

Further information about Eastern Multi Academy Trust can be found here: www.eastern-mat.co.uk

Keep up to date on Class Dojo



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Home Learning

Home learning activities will be sent home every week on a **Friday**. Please return your child's home learning book each **Wednesday**.

Reading logs can be used daily to record any reads. The log gives key questions you can ask your child when reading and different ways your child can practise their weekly spelling.