



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Hello everyone! It is fantastic to be back into the swing of things in Year 4. We have some fantastic topics to learn about and there is more details of these on the next page. We are really looking forward to our trip to Colchester Castle on Thursday 23rd October. It is a fantastic visit with a brilliant range of Roman artefacts. It is also really interactive with lots to touch and even try on! Our swimming lessons continue and I really enjoyed attending the swimming lesson whilst the class were still in Hares last year.

I have also really enjoyed starting to get to know the children more and more in the first few days. I'm even starting to get better at recognising parents/ carers at the end of the day. Please remember, if you have any questions, just ask at the end of the day or via Dojo.

Dates for your diary:

Thursdays - swimming
Thursday 23rd October - Colchester Castle

Fridays - homework handed out

Wednesdays - homework due in

Norwich Road Academy Way

All children are expected to wear the academy uniform everyday. Children in Key Stage 2 (year 3,4,5,6) must wear a collared shirt and a tie everyday.

Children are able to come to school in their PE kits on Mondays and Thursdays. Children will still need to bring their swimming kits and a towel on Thursdays.

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. They are proud of themselves, their community and their academy. They feel good!

Please let your class teacher know if your child completes any activities out of school that make them feel proud. This might be a sport club, helping at home with cooking or completing a hobby they are proud of.

Curriculum Focus

English

Our book this half term is The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. We will be writing a portal story based on this amazing tale. Please record your child's reading in their homework diary.

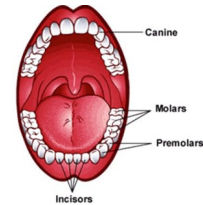


Maths

Our first maths topic is Place Value. In year 4, we work with numbers up to 10,000 as well as negative numbers. A key term we will be using is 'place holder.' This is the function of a zero in the middle or at the end of a number. Towards the end of the term., we will start our calculation work too.

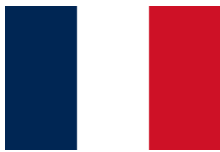
Science

In science, we are studying the human body. We will look at the different organ systems, the teeth and investigate cells.



French

Bienvenue à français en année 4! This half term we are looking at 'The Date.' We will be learning how to say days of the week, months of the year and the numbers from 1 to 31.



Art

Caravaggio's 'Supper at Emmaus' is the painting we will look at in this unit on how artists use light and create lighting effects. We will use a range of different shading techniques and learn how to create depth in our paintings.

Life Skills

Life Skills is our name for PSHE. Our Autumn 1 topic is, 'Families and Relationships.' We will look at respect and manners, healthy friendships, bullying, challenging stereotypes as well as change and loss. The lessons will feature lots of discussion and opportunities to ask questions.

Music

This term, our music topic is 'Body and Tuned Percussion.' We will learn about the structure of music, play sequences in order with a partner and play different melodies and rhythms together.



Geography

Spatial Space is this term's topic. This relates to the skills needed to be a geographer. We will look at different types of maps and study at how Thetford has changed over time.

History

Life in Ancient Rome is our topic in history. We will look at Roman society, what happened in Pompeii and learn some Latin.



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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Our office email is: office@nor.eastern-mat.co.uk

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.