



# Reception Newsletter

Spring 1

Happy New Year Butterflies. We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for another busy few weeks in Reception. This term we have an exciting opportunity to watch a pantomime performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we will also be visiting Thetford Library. 2026 is the National Year of Reading, encouraging everybody to enjoy reading for pleasure. We will be building on all the skills the children acquired last term when they made such a fantastic start to their time in Reception.

We will post lots of photographs on Dojo so you can see what we have been getting up to. Please do not hesitate to send us a message or speak to a member of the team if you have any questions.



## Dates for your diary

**13th January** - Performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

**10th February** - Visit to Thetford Library

**10th February** - Safer Internet Day

**13th February** - Last day of the half term

We know that Politeness is SPENT at Norwich Road Academy.

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**Smile**

**Please**

**Excuse me**

**Name**

**Thank you**

The children and staff follow this model.

## Academy Uniform

Good standards of dress and personal presentation help children to feel included, supports the ethos of our school, and promotes a positive attitude to work and behaviour.

Uniform identifies pupils to the local community as proud members of a school with high standards. The cooperation of all parents and carers is crucial in ensuring

## Our Value this half term is '**Motivate**'



Motivate – A Norwich Road Academy Super Learner motivates themselves to do well in class and also helps to motivate others in their own learning. They are encouraging and supportive. Super Learners understand that things may not always be easy and demonstrate resilience in the face of challenge.

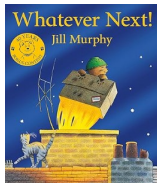
This half term we will be focusing on hard work and trying our best. We will be taking responsibility and recognising mistakes. We will be helping others in the classroom and on the playground by showing kindness.

# Curriculum Focus

## English

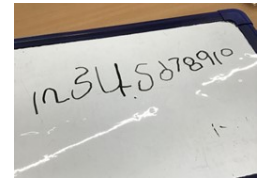
This half term our model text is taken from the book 'Whatever Next!'. We will learn the text, create our own story map and use actions to support our retelling of the story. We will then innovate the story by changing one aspect.

Our focus in writing will be to use our sounds to spell and to begin to write simple sentences.



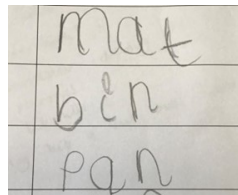
## Maths

This half term in our number work we will be continuing to explore numbers within 10. We will look in depth at numbers 6,7 and 8 and how these can be composed by putting two other numbers together. We will learn to recognise and order numerals to at least 5. In other areas we will look at comparing length and height as well as investigating capacity.



## Phonics

This half term we will have a new set of sounds to learn. These will be digraphs (2 letters, 1 sound) and trigraphs (3 letters, 1 sound). We will also have the next group of tricky words to practise. In our writing we will be working hard on segmenting our sounds to spell.



## Life Skills

This half term our theme is 'taking on challenges'. The children will look at why we have rules and the importance of persistence and perseverance in the face of challenges. They will also learn how to communicate effectively with others and practice 'grounding' coping strategies.



## Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our topic this half term is 'Space'. We will be learning about the planets and their features. We will be thinking about astronauts, what they do and the equipment they need. We will also be thinking about gravity and how it is important in our lives and the role of an astronomer.



## How you can help

The children will bring home their red home learning book each Friday. As well as new sounds and tricky words this half term they will also have a maths activity to support the work we are doing in class. Please continue to share their school reading book daily and record this in their reading logs.

Thank you for your support.

**For further information on our curriculum** please visit our website at: [www.norwichroadacademy.co.uk](http://www.norwichroadacademy.co.uk)

Further information about Eastern Multi Academy Trust can be found here: [www.eastern-mat.co.uk](http://www.eastern-mat.co.uk)

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