



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 1

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring term! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. 2026 is the national year of reading! We are really looking forward to celebrating this and continuing to promote the importance of reading. We have already started to discuss ways to make to make reading fun and across the year we will set challenges to encourage reading!

Please continue to send warm winter coats with hats and gloves as well as water bottles everyday. Please ensure these are named so that we can reunite lost items quickly and easily.



### Dates for your diary

**6th January** - Spring term begins

**13th January**- "Jack and the Beanstalk" performance in school.

**Friday 13th February** - last day of half term.

### 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 that children are always in correct uniform, and that they are successful in school.

Information on our school uniform can be found on our website, or please contact the office.

[www.norwichroadacademy.co.uk](http://www.norwichroadacademy.co.uk)

We know that Politeness is SPENT at Norwich Road Academy.

**Politeness is  
SPENT**  
Smile  
Please  
Excuse me  
Name  
Thank you

The children and staff follow this model.

### 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

In English we will be using the book 'Sidney, Stella and the Moon' to write a recount. The children will use Talk4Writing to learn and recall the story and write their own recount. We will work on consistently using the key features of a sentence.



## Maths

In Maths, we will build on our learning of numbers beyond 10. We will be using tens and one sticks to understand place value and then moving onto addition and subtraction with 20. We will be doing lots of practical activities and hope to get outside for some of our learning.

## Science

In Science, we are learning about Animals and their Babies. We will learn the different groups of animals and their features. We will also be focusing on what animals eat and also what animals we have as pets and how we can care for pets.



## Phonics

In Phonics, we continue to work on learning new sounds in preparation for the phonics screening in June. We will also focus on developing fluency in reading. Please continue to practice at home as often as possible and please ask if you are ever unsure.



## Art

In Art we will be exploring lines! We will be looking at the work of Miro and Klee and how they used different types of lines to create their famous pieces of art. We will work towards creating our own pieces of art in the style of Miro and Klee.

## Life Skills

In life skills we are focusing on 'safety and the changing body'. We will discuss who our trusted adults are, what to do in an emergency and how to stay safe in different environments.



## Music

In Music we will be looking at tempo. We will start by listening and responding to fast and slow pieces of music. We will then learn and perform a rhyme and a song which focuses on both a fast and slow tempo.



## Geography

In Geography we are going to be learning about The UK. We will be looking at the 4 different countries that make up the UK, where they are and their capital cities. We will also introduce human and physical features and look at some famous landmarks in each of the countries.

## Computing

Computing this half term focuses on labelling and grouping data. We will start by labelling different objects and then using these labels to group objects. We will then work towards being able to sort objects in a way which allows us to answer questions about data groups.

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

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