



# Reception Newsletter

## Spring 2

Welcome back to school Butterflies. We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for another busy half term.

This half term we will be celebrating World Book Day and our love of reading. We have a wonderful reading reward scheme at Norwich Road where the children receive badges and special recognition in assembly for their milestone reads. Please continue to read at home and log it in your child's reading record.

If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.



### Dates for your diary

**27th February** - Non Uniform Day

**6th March** - World Book Day

**16th & 17th March** - Parent's Evenings

**20th March** - Crafternoon

**23rd March** - Egg Hunt

**26th March**—Spring Sing

**27th March** - End of term

To **empower** ourselves when learning we need good listening and follow SLANT.

#### Good listening means SLANT

- S**it up
- L**ean in and listen
- A**sk and answer questions
- N**od your head
- T**rack the speaker



### Sharing a worry

Everyone, everyday has a mixture of feelings and thoughts. We **empower** the children by encouraging them to talk to an adult at school. Our younger children and older ones can always talk to an adult during play and break times. We also teach the children to either show their feeling on the feeling chart (Nursery / Reception) or to write their name on a blue post it note (Year 1-6). An adult will then speak to them about a worry or a concern.

If as parents you would like to speak to a member of our pastoral team about a worry or concern, please contact the academy office.

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



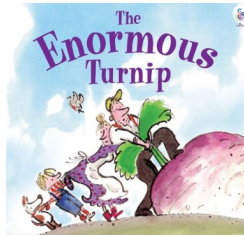
Empower - A Norwich Road Academy Super Learner empowers others with their learning and empowers themselves to take on new challenges with their learning. They take risks and are not afraid to get things wrong. They grow in confidence and enthusiasm.

This half term we will be focusing on hard work and trying our best. We will try and help ourselves when completing tasks by using a range of resources. Super Learners will be aware of their next learning steps and use feedback to improve their work.

# Curriculum Focus

## English

This half term our model text is based on 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will learn the model text, create our own story map and use actions to support us in retelling our story. We will then innovate our story by changing one aspect of it. We are focusing on using our sounds to spell captions.



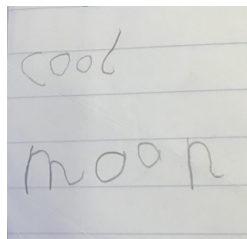
## Maths

Our number focus for this half term will be on 9 and 10 as well as consolidating our previous learning about numbers 1-8. We will look at making doubles to 5+5 and how we can join 2 numbers together to make 10. We will also be learning about 3D shapes and extending our learning about patterns.



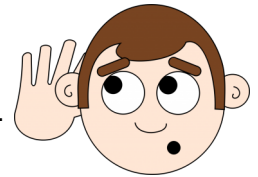
## Phonics

In phonics we will continue to practise and consolidate recognition of our Phase 2 and 3 phonemes. We will then use these to build and read longer words. We will use our phonic knowledge in our writing by segmenting to spell and continue to practise to read our tricky words.



## Life Skills

This half term our theme is "listening and following instructions". The children will be playing games such as 'Simon Says' to support their attention and listening and we will be talking about the importance of listening to help us follow instructions. Following on from the work we did last term we will also be talking about persevering when things get difficult.



## Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This half term our theme is 'Growing and Changing'. We will be looking carefully at how things in the world around us are changing, starting off our topic with a Spring walk around school. We will be thinking about how things change over time including people, animals and plants and studying the lifecycle of an animal.



## How you can help

Please continue to practise sounds daily as well as hearing your child read. We appreciate there are lots of tricky words to learn but 1 or 2 a day will really help. Next half term the children will continue to have some maths learning each week to support what we are doing in class.

Thank you for your continued 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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