



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Summer 2

Welcome back to our final half term in Year 1! We hope you have had a relaxing break and are ready for a very busy term with events such as sports day, open classrooms and transition days. We will be working hard throughout the term to ensure that the children are well prepared for a smooth transition to Year 2.

We will be continuing to focus heavily on phonics and reading. Please ensure you are practicing phonics sounds and reading daily to support children's confidence and fluency. As always, please ask a member of the team if you have any concerns throughout the term!



### Dates for your diary

**RSHE Week**—15th-19th  
June

**KS1 Sports Day**—  
25th June

**Open classrooms**—  
3rd July

**Transition week**—  
W/b—6th July

**Last day of term**—17th July

### Attendance

Good attendance significantly boosts attainment. When children attend regularly, they experience consistent learning, develop strong foundational skills, and build positive routines. Each day missed can **lead to gaps** in knowledge and skills. Arriving on time at school everyday is essential to ensure your child does not miss out on learning opportunities. It also helps them develop valuable life skills including responsibility and time management. Please help us by ensuring your child is in school everyday on time.



At Norwich Road Academy everybody knows and is expected to follow the NRA Way!



Our Value this half term is **'Transform'**

**Transform** - An NRA Super Learner knows how to transform themselves into a robust learner and has a mindset of confidence and resilience. They undertake different challenges and are not afraid of making mistakes. They know that they will change and grow, along with their challenges and how to overcome them.

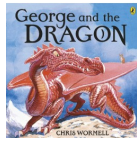
This half term we will be focusing on reviewing our successes and setting ourselves new learning goals. Children will learn how they grow, how to be a good friend and responsibilities that come with age.



# Curriculum Focus

## English

In English we will be working really hard on writing full sentences with the accurate use of simple punctuation. We will be basing our stories on "George and the Dragon". We will be developing the use of conjunctions as we prepare for Year 2.



## Maths

In maths this half term, we are exploring position and direction and will also be introducing money and time. We will continue to work on consolidating our understanding of numbers to 50 and will begin to develop this by looking at place value to 100 as we start to prepare for Year 2!

## Science

Our science learning is based on materials and magnets. We will be completing practical activities to investigate the properties of different materials and will be experimenting to find out which materials are most suitable for certain objects.



## Phonics

We will continue to work on the accuracy of our reading to support us with the phonics screening check. We will also be working on our fluency and understanding of a text by answering comprehension questions about our reading.



## DT

In DT, we will be designing and creating our own vehicles! We will start by designing our vehicle before creating it and finally evaluating what went well and how they could be improved. This process will support our understanding of technical language.



## Life Skills

In life skills, we will be consolidating our learning from across the year. During RSHE week we will discuss the importance of privacy and how we respect the privacy of others. We will also focus on supporting children with the transition to Year 2.

## RE

In RE, we will be exploring the religion of Christianity and Hinduism and discussing the universe and how it came to be. We will be reading a range of stories with different meanings to support our discussions about the universe and different religions.

## Key skills

In our key skills session this half term, we will be working hard on our cursive handwriting. We will practice the cursive formation and ensure that we can apply this to our handwriting in all subjects. Please continue to practice handwriting at home to support this!

## History

In History, we will be exploring Parliament and Prime ministers. We will look at the role of a prime minister and the impact that Parliament has on our country. We will also act out our very own Parliament and will take part in a debate and a democratic vote of our choosing!

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