



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome to Butterflies class!

We would like to start by welcoming all of you to Norwich Road Academy. We are super proud of how the children have already settled into Butterflies class and we hope they have enjoyed their first few days with us!

This half term is all about getting to know the children and promoting positive relationships within the classroom. We look forward to working closely with you to provide your child with the best start to their journey through our school.

Please keep an eye on dojo for updates that staff will post throughout the year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team!



Dates for your diary:

21st September— Height and weight checks

21st September—Phonics workshop 2:15pm

25th September— European day of languages

23rd October—Staff training day (school closed)

26th October—Half term break

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 Wednesdays.

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'



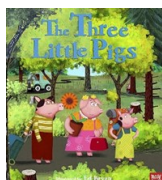
An NRA Super Learner is proud of their own achievements in learning but also celebrates the learning achievements of others. They celebrate success and understand the contribution of their own and others efforts in achieving this. They are proud of themselves, their community and their academy. They 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 English is taught using the Talk for Writing scheme. Each half term, we will immerse ourselves in a book and learn a shortened version of that story. This half term, we are focusing on "The 3 Little Pigs". We will work towards creating a story map to retell the 3 Little Pigs and will use drama to develop our language and sentence structure.



Maths

This half term, our maths focus is matching, sorting and comparing. We will look at colours, shapes and sizes to match, sort and compare. This will also involve familiarising ourselves with the classroom and matching objects to the pictures on the shelves or in baskets. We will then develop this to look at patterns and will use natural materials to explore this. Towards the end of term we will begin our learning about number and will look in detail at the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Phonics

Next week, the children will begin their phonics learning following the Little Wandle scheme. The children will learn 4 phonemes (sounds) each week. This will be taught alongside oral blending activities which will support children as they progress towards reading words. We will be holding a phonics information workshop on Monday 21st September. Keep an eye out for more information about this!

Life Skills

This half term we will be focusing on 'self regulation'. We will be discussing different emotions and how to express these feelings in an appropriate way. We will be talking about our 'trusted adults' in school and at home so that all children know who they can talk to if they have a worry. We will also be spending lots of time focusing on our school rules and routines and supporting the children to develop their positive 'behaviours for learning'.



Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our topic this half term is "all about me". We will be discussing ourselves, our families and developing a sense of chronology using past, present and future. We will talk about where we live, what we might find in our local area and the jobs that people do within our community. We will also have some visitors to share Information about their jobs!



Baseline

At the beginning of their year in Reception, all children will complete a national baseline assessment as directed by the government. These assessments provide us with extra information on how we can best support your child to progress with their learning. The children will sit with an adult to complete some short English and Maths tasks. Please refer to the letter that you have received which will provide you with further information about the assessment.

For further information on the curriculum please visit our website at:

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Home Learning

Reading:

Children will be sent home with a reading log and reading book later in the term. Please aim to read these with your child everyday.

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The children will come home with a blue home learning book. These will be sent out on a Friday and need to be returned to school on a Wednesday. This term we will be sending home phonics sounds to practice. Please ensure these are practiced weekly to support the children with their reading.