



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome to all of our Butterflies and Ladybirds

The Early Years Team would like to welcome all of our families to Norwich Road Academy and hope the children have enjoyed their first few days with us. We are very proud of how they are settling into school life and getting used to our routines and expectations. This half term is all about getting to know the children and building relationships with them, as well as you, their families. Please do not hesitate to send us a message via Dojo or speak to a member of the team if you have any questions.



Dates for your diary

- 27th September
European Day of Languages
- 1st October
Phonics Workshop
2.40— 3.15 pm
- 22nd October
Art Project Morning
- 24th October
Last day of school for this half term

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:

- Wednesday (starting 18th September)

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.

This half term the children will be focusing on our Code of Conduct including: 'SMART' Walking 'SLANT' Listening Our Smart Uniform

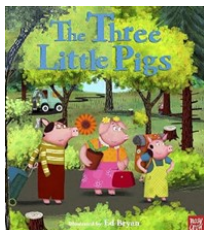
Politeness and manners, these are 'SPENT': 'Smile, Please, Excuse me, use a Name, Thank you'. We encourage children to demonstrate this behaviour and use these words.



Curriculum Focus

English

English is delivered through Talk for Writing. Each half term we will use a book as our 'model text' and the children will learn a shortened version of the book. We create a story map and use actions to support our retelling as well as exploring the story through drama and other activities. This half term our text is 'The Three Little Pigs'.



Maths

This half term our maths is all about matching, sorting, comparing and measure and pattern. Part of this will be getting used to our classrooms and where resources are kept, matching objects to their pictures on shelves or on boxes. We will also be comparing and sorting objects and pictures. We will use natural materials to create our own patterns and compare objects such as leaves looking at their shape and size. At the end of this half term we will spend time learning about numbers 1,2, and 3.

Phonics

Children have started their phonics lessons this week following the Little Wandle scheme. This half term they will learn 4 new phonemes (smallest unit of sound) each week. We will also be doing oral blending activities each day in preparation for reading. We are holding a phonics workshop for parents on 1st October with information on how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home. A letter with further information will follow shortly.

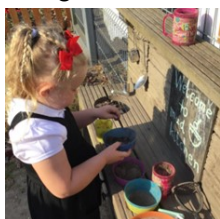
Life Skills

This half term our focus is on 'self regulation'. We will be talking about our feelings and how we can express these in an appropriate way. The children will know who they can speak to if they have a concern. We will also be exploring different strategies to help us regulate our emotions and learn all about how to follow our 'good to be green' behaviours for learning.



Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our topic this half term is 'All About Me'. We will be talking about ourselves and our families and developing a sense of chronology using past, present and future. We will be thinking about where we live and the location of our school in the local area as well as the different jobs in our community.



Baseline

At the beginning of their Reception year all children will complete a baseline assessment as directed by the government. This provides us with information on how we can best support them and their learning in class. The children will sit with an adult and complete some short tasks in Maths and English. Please refer to the letter you have received for further information.

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

www.norwichroadacademy.co.uk

Further information about Eastern Multi Academy Trust can be found here: **www.eastern-mat.co.uk**

Keep up to date on Class Dojo 

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Our office email : **office@nor.eastern-mat.co.uk**

Home Learning

Reading

Children will be bringing home a reading book to share with you later in the term. Please share their book with them daily.

Home learning

The children have a red home learning book which will come home with them on a Friday and need to be returned the following Wednesday. This half term the children will have the phonemes we have learnt each week to practise at home.