



Our World! Autumn 2



We love seeing your child show off their learning at home.

Please keep sharing via Tapestry.

We hope you are all accessing this regularly, but any problems please let us know via admin@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk and we will be happy to help.



Websites:

Phonics Play— <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> (Free games only)
Cbeebies—Numberblocks— <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/cbeebies>
Top Marks— <https://www.topmarks.co.uk>
ICT Games - <https://www.ictgames.com/>
Try the Teach your Monster to read app too (They often makes this free in the App Store)

Books:

The Hungry Caterpillar
Handa's Surprise
Mommy, Mama and Me—No Outsiders

Challenges for Home:

I can zip up my coat by myself.
I can write my name.

Please tweet us using the hashtags below if you see your child showing any of our Archibald qualities.

We will continue to teach the children how to make the right choices and be **#ResponsibleCitizens**

Through our creative curriculum, we will be **#HavingFun** whilst learning.

We will continue to inspire and develop **#ConfidentIndividuals**

Key Dates and Reminders:

Reception Outdoor Christmas Concert—07.12.21
Nursery Outdoor Christmas Concerts—Nursery 1 06.12.21, Nursery 2 09.12.21
Reception Trip – 09.12.21
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day –08.12.21
Christmas Party Day—15.12.21

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Literacy

Reading

- We will be sharing our Core Texts, retelling them and talking about our favourite parts
- We will use stories linked to Space to inspire our play and writing.
- Reception children will become more confident with their home reading books
- Nursery children will start to enjoy their book bags

Writing

- Our Dough Disco and Squiggle activities will continue
- Fine motor control will continue to be our focus and develop our finger strength
- Children will be encouraged to hold their pencils in a comfortable and effective way
- Reception children will be encouraged to write the letters they have learnt in phonics and start to form simple words
- Nursery will be exploring patterns in messy trays and trying to control their writing equipment to follow patterns

Phonics

- Nursery children will be concentrating on listening for environmental sounds and distinguishing between loud and quiet sounds.
- Reception children will continue to learn new phonemes and graphemes following the Little Wandle Phonic programme.

Maths

- In Nursery we will be concentrating on numbers to 5 and what our own number is
- We will be sharing number rhymes
- Playing with shapes, measures and early mathematical language
- In Reception we will continue to have maths activities and language in our play
- We will be looking at the numbers 1, 2, 3 in depth—representing, comparing and the composition of 1, 2, 3.
- We will also concentrate on circles and triangles
- We will be exploring, responding to and using positional language

PSED, Communication and Language

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

- This half term our topic is called Our World! And links with day/night, planets, environments, where we live.
- We will investigate what is different between day and night including shadows and nocturnal animals
- We will be investigating different continents/places linking with a variety of stories and comparing these environments with where we live
- Exploring Non-fiction books
- Getting creative with designing and making
- We will be exploring the languages in our class
- We will be learning about the festivals Diwali and Christmas
- We will be preparing our Christmas songs
- Continuing to work on our sharing and turn taking
- Continuing to building on our friendships
- We will continue our visits to Forest School—using our senses to explore our environment

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Our World!

PE—*Having fun, keeping healthy and learning new skills...*

- In Reception we continue to work on listening to instructions, stopping and starting and traveling in different ways.
- In Nursery we will build in circle games such as Farmer's in his Den.
- We will continue to use Green Zone to work on our Physical development, developing our climbing and balancing and strengthening our muscles.

Music—*listening, appreciating, interpreting, playing, developing...*

In Reception we will continue to experiment with a range of instruments in our play. We will be learning more about the beat and rhythm within a piece of music.

In Nursery, we will continue to learn a repertoire of familiar songs.

Key Vocabulary

- Environment, Climate, Weather, place
- Similar, Different, Compare
- Christmas, Religious, Diwali, celebration
- Phoneme
- Grapheme

How can I help?

To help fund our play dough, small world play etc, we kindly ask for a contribution of £1 per child per half term. This can be paid via Parent Pay half termly or for the year at a cost of £6.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already contributed!

We love to junk model! Please send in any cardboard boxes, tubes, pots etc

NO egg boxes, NO nut product boxes, NO medication boxes.

Please ensure **ALL uniform is named**—this includes shoes.

Reception Lost Property is kept in the two white boxes at the entrance to Class 1. For Nursery lost property, please ask a member of staff.

Important information

Thank you for ensuring there are no nut products (including snack bars) in packed lunches.

Due to allergies we are unable to give out Birthday cake or sweets. Thank you for your support.

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