



Celebrations! Spring 1!



Thank you for sharing all the things your child is doing 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)

Core Books:

The Tiger Who Came to Tea
Dear Zoo
Blue Chameleon—No Outsiders

Challenges for Home:

I can get dressed all by myself.
I can write my name, using a capital letter at the start and lower case for the rest.

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:

Class 1 and 2 will now have their PE days on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please send your child in to school in their PE kit on these days.

School is closed on Friday 28th for Staff Training

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Literacy

Reading

We continue to have a love of books in Early Years and this half term is no exception.

- We will be sharing our Core Texts, retelling them and talking about our favourite parts.
- We will use stories linked to celebrations.
- Our Reading areas are cosy and the children will get chance to share some of the stories we have had already across Early Years.
- Reception children will be voting for their favourite story out of two at our Story Voting Area.
- We will be discussing authors and their important role in our lives.
- We will be sorting fiction and non-fiction books.

Please share some photos of your favourite books or your story time at home with us on Tapestry.

Writing

- We will be really encouraging our children to hold their pencils in a comfortable and effective way and ensuring they are using Tommy Thumb and Peter Pointer fingers to help.
- We will continue to enjoy Dough Disco and Squiggle whilst you Wiggle.
- Reception children are working on writing simple words to match pictures using their phonic knowledge.
- Nursery will be exploring mark making in a variety of ways.

Phonics

- Nursery children will be beginning to blend sounds in words in their play as well as listening for the first sound in things and trying to match them.
- Reception children will continue to learn new phonemes and graphemes following the Little Wandle Phonic programme.
- Reception children will be working on reading words with fluency.

Maths

- In Nursery we will be concentrating on saying, recognising and counting numbers to 5
- 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 introducing 0.
- We will be working on comparing numbers to 5
- We will look at the composition of 4 and 5.

We always enjoy Numberblocks so we will watch our Numberblocks wall grow and enjoy watching some episodes to support our learning.

PSED, Communication and Language

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This half term our topic is called Celebrations! I

f you have a **celebration you celebrate at home**, whatever the time of year, please feel free to send in some information about it via Tapestry.

Our main tasks will involve;

- Exploring a variety of different celebrations
- Learning about who celebrates what and why
- Learning about traditions and cultures
- Making links to where in the world some celebrations come from/originate
- Looking at celebrations we like and are familiar with
- In addition we will continue to work on our friendships, sharing and taking turns
- Looking after our environment
- Following rules and routines
- We will continue our visits to Forest School—using our senses

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Celebrations!

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

- This half term we are lucky to have Yoga sessions. We will have our Yoga sessions on a Wednesday in the school hall. (This is for ALL Nursery and Reception children)
- 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...*

Piccolo In Reception - This half term we are excited to have Piccolo music sessions. The children will be learning to sing and 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 as well as continuing to enjoy Nursery Rhymes.

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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