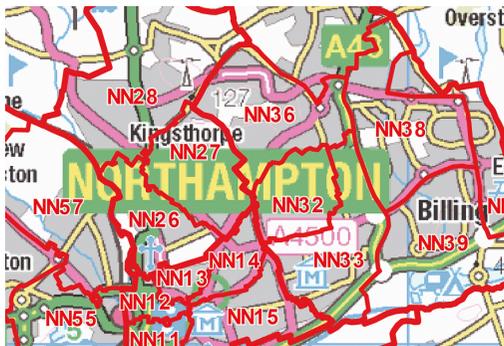
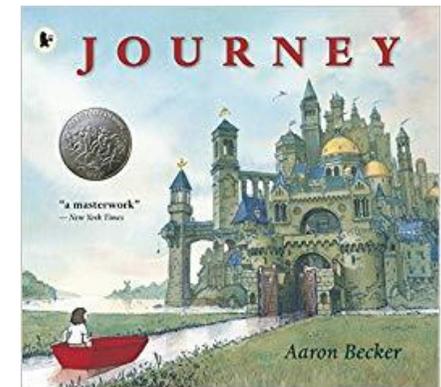
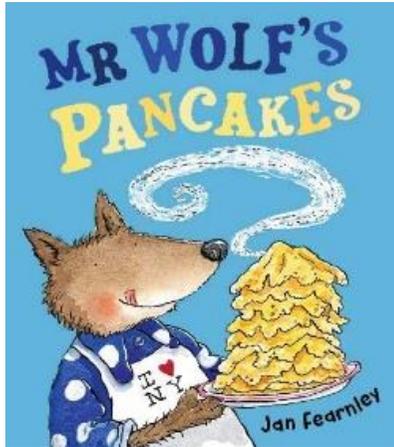




Early Years Spring 2 2020



Early Years - Hi Ho Hi Ho Little Explorers Off We Go

What our theme is all about

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- As we learn together, we will be ensuring we play co-operatively, taking turns with others
- We will continue to explore our learning heroes, develop resilience and perseverance as we play and learn
- When we work together we will be developing our skills to speak confidently in front of a large group and visitors

Mathematics

- As mathematicians, we will be continuing to explore numbers to ten. We will be investigating patterns in numbers and exploring calculations involving addition and subtraction
- We will be exploring weight and capacity in our cooking and water play activities
- As we build and create we will continue to explore and name 2D and 3D shapes alongside their properties

Literacy

- In our 'Talk 4 Writing' sessions, we will be learning to tell orally a story, using a story map to learn the story of Mr Wolfs Pancakes. We will write a shopping list for our pancake ingredients and use our developing sound knowledge to write instructions for how to make a pancake
- As we read the book Journey we will be applying our sounds and sight words to write a short story
- During phonics, we will be using our initial code and challenge words to read and write sentences
- As we write sentences we will ensure we are using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- During our play we will draw plans for our models and use the resources in our book corners to make our own books

Physical Development

- As we exercise we will be talking about the effects of exercise, sleep and nutrition on our bodies
- As we write we will continue to develop our pencil hold and use correct letter formation
- As we use the workshop and wood work areas we will be learning to use one handled tools including pencils and scissors
- In our PE sessions, we will be exploring body movements and the shapes that we can make with our bodies. We will also be developing our dance skills
- As we use small and large apparatus we will be jumping and moving with control

Expressive Art and Design

- As artists, we will continue exploring the techniques of each of our class artists and creating pieces of work based on Kusama, Hepworth and Klee
- We will be taking on roles in our role-play areas and learning to sing a range of songs
- As we read the book Journey we will be developing our artistic skills to create our own woodland scenes
- We will also be developing our sketchbook work as we look at self-portraits

Understanding The World

- In R.E. we will be learning about the Christian celebration of Easter
- As scientists and geographers, we will continue our investigations into the similarities and differences of our immediate environment. When we visit the farm, we will consider how our locality is different from the location of Mini Meadows. We will also discuss and observe the changes over seasons as we welcome spring!
- As geographers we will be developing our map reading skills
- During our computing sessions, we will use the buttons on a bee-bot to enable them to move in different directions and develop our directional language. We will also be using the RM maths program in class.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- As we learn and play together we will develop our listening skills and take on other people's ideas
- We will continue to work in small groups and develop our talk partner work
- We will be learning how to ask questions to find out information during our exploration play

Early Phase Foundation 2 (FS2)

Spring Term 2 2020

Welcome back and we hope you have all enjoyed a lovely week together. To kick-start our new theme during this half term, we will be focusing on the story Mr Wolfs Pancakes. The children will have the opportunity to bake pancakes and talk about how they taste. They will then apply their writing skills by creating a set of instructions for making pancakes and complete tally charts to find out what our favourite toppings are. During this activity we will also explore the Christian celebration of Easter beginning with Shrove Tuesday.

We are very excited to begin our book study of Journey by Aaron Becker. During these sessions, we will explore our artistic talents to reimagine the world on the girl's journey, take part in drama sessions and create our own journey stories.

This term we will be visiting Mini Meadows Farm to develop our geography skills and compare a town and country setting. Our trip will also enable us to think about the new life of spring as we look at the baby animals and feed the lambs.

Our PE lessons will continue to be on Friday morning. Please can you ensure that all PE kit is named, in school and that long hair is tied back. Your child will need an indoor and outdoor kit so please ensure that both are in their kit bags.

In order to support your child's reading, please continue to regularly listen to them read their school books and enjoy a variety of books for pleasure. May we ask that reading book wallets are kept in your child's book bag and returned to school each day.

Please continue to share with us any aspects of your child's learning that they are enjoying at home and let us know if you have any skills you wish to share with the children at school linked with any aspect of our learning. It is always lovely to share your knowledge and expertise with our children.

WOW what a busy term we have planned! If you have any questions concerning the term ahead then please ask a member of the Early Years team. Also if you would like to come into school or send in any resources you may have of your own linked to our theme, this would be greatly appreciated.

Parental comments are important to us; therefore, may we remind you about our 'Proud Clouds'. If your child achieves something at home that makes you feel proud, please write it on a 'cloud voucher' provided on your home visit (please remember to include your child's name!)

Finally, please keep checking our year group blog page for exciting updates on your child's learning.

Some upcoming dates for the diary:

Friday 20 March **R Hepworth class assembly 2.45 pm, all family members welcome to watch**

Thursday 2 April **Mini Meadows trip - all day**