



Spring 1

Our Wonderful World



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 office@archibaldfirstschool.co.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/>

Core Books:

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Handa's Surprise

Blue Chameleon—No Outsiders

Challenges for Home:

Nursery—I can get dressed all by myself.

Reception—I am becoming more independent—dressing myself, using a knife and fork, walking or scooting to school.

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 be **#Creative** and **#Caring**

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

We will continue to inspire and develop **#Courageousness** and **#Curiosity**

Key Dates and Reminders: Yoga sessions are every Wednesday from January 17th

10th January-Reception Curriculum Coffee Morning 9-10

15th January –Nursery Curriculum Coffee Afternoon 2.30-3.15

18th January-Nursery Curriculum Coffee Morning 9-10

30th January /1st February- Artventurers visit Nursery (more information to follow)

6th February Reception visit to Discovery Museum. (more information to follow)

8th February-Lunar New Year Lion Dance workshop.

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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.
- Reception will begin to complete some formal handwriting using Nelson Handwriting scheme. A handwriting activity book will be sent home for you to support your child with this.
- 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 a word and trying to name objects beginning with this sound.
- Reception children will continue to learn new phonemes and graphemes following the Little Wandle Phonic programme.

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 looking at numbers up to 10
- We will begin to explore how these numbers are made

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 Our World! And links with day/night, environments, where we live.

- We will be investigating different continents/places inking with a variety of stories and comparing these environments with where we live
- Exploring Non-fiction books.
- Getting creative with designing and making and exploring colour with Piet Mondrian
- We will return to our work on celebrations looking at Lunar New Year.
- We will be exploring the languages in our class
- 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...

- 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) Please note this is a change in PE day for Reception.
- We will continue to use Triangle Zone to work on our Physical development, developing our climbing and balancing and strengthening our muscles.

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

In Nursery, we will continue to learn a repertoire of familiar songs as well as continuing to enjoy Nursery Rhymes.

Reception are looking at telling stories through music, creating our own compositions using instruments and performing to each other.

Key Vocabulary

- Environment, climate, weather,
- Place, continent, language, country
- Nocturnal
- Destination, Transport, Exploration
- Similar, Different, Compare

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, hats and gloves. 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

We are a nut free school. Please ensure that there are no nut, chickpea or

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

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