

## Parent's Guide

### How we learn at Northwood Primary School.

The way your child learns may be quite different to how you learnt at school!  
At Northwood Primary we make sure our teachers keep up to date with the all the latest evidence based developments in teaching and learning.

I often work with my '**learning partner.**' We share our ideas; plan our work and reflect on our learning together. This helps us both. We change partners regularly and they're chosen randomly.

In lessons we decide on **success criteria.** This helps me to know how I can be successful in my learning and how to make my work even better.

We are encouraged to apply learning attitudes like being **resilient, finding links, and connections;** adapting to **change;** being **curious** applying **creativity** to solve problems. Practising these will help us to be lifelong learners.



I do my work in different ways. Sometimes I work **independently**, sometimes with my **learning partner**, sometimes in **groups with other children** and sometimes in **groups with the teacher**. All these ways are good ways to learn.



I know that it's OK if I make a mistake with my learning. If I got everything right, that would probably mean that I am not being challenged enough!



Learning can happen inside and outside of the classroom. Sometimes I might go to different parts of the school to learn, or even to the allotment or local park.

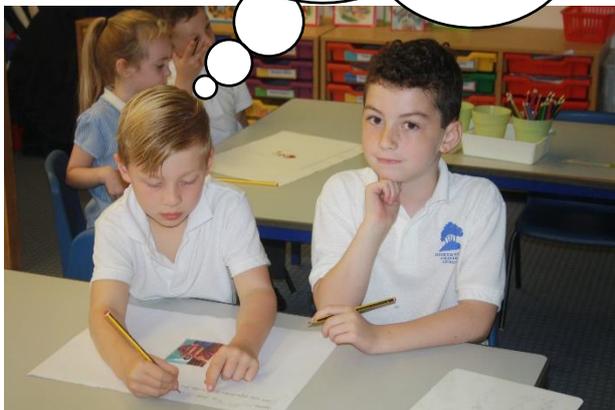
We also have school trips during the year.



I can show what I have learnt in different ways. Sometimes I will have to work in my book but there are other ways to show what I have learnt, these include: work on a mini-whiteboard; discussion in small groups, on a laptop, presenting to my teacher or the class or activities with my learning partner.

My teacher will often use lolly sticks with our names on to randomly select someone to share their ideas.

I know exactly what I am learning about, or learning how to do because we have **learning objectives**.



A visualiser is a special kind of projector. My teacher uses this to show my work to the class.



My teacher doesn't mark every piece of work in my book – sometimes I have to evaluate how well I have done using the success criteria, or my learning partner will help me to decide what I can improve.

**Place Value Reasoning activity.**

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I think this number is three hundred and forty five thousand and five.

Can you explain why he is wrong?

Three hundred and forty five thousand and sixty. ← This is correct!

What mistake did he make?

# WAGOLL

*desperate is more powerful!*

*More, more sentence*

*descriptive language*

*Time connectives*  
*Firstly*  
*Moving on*  
*Finally*

*3 words and a dash sentence*

*Address*

*alliteration*

**Dear Miss Huxley,**  
 I am writing to invite you to my wonderful school, Crystal Island. I am sure that after reading this letter you will be desperate to come and visit!

**Finally,** let me tell you about the climate here. If you like your holidays scorching hot and your winters white and frosty, then this is the place for you! We have such varied seasons here, you'll never get bored.

**Moving on,** let me tell you about our beautiful landscape. The more you explore, the more you'll want to come back! Explore around the island or visit our wonderful beach, restaurants and shops. There's nothing better than a relaxing holiday here. You can sit back, relax and enjoy the stunning scenery, while sipping your drink in the warm, crystal clear water.

**What about towns and villages?** Well, we have something for everyone! If you enjoy busy, exciting towns then you could visit North Port where you can go shopping, have a coffee or join in one of our many recreation activities. However, if you prefer a quieter experience, then head to the hills. You'll find many tiny, charming villages just waiting for you to explore.

**Finally,** we hope to Crystal Island is suitable without a visit to our nearest one attraction, Theodor's Village. It's one of the most beautiful villages you'll ever see. Don't worry, it's been selected for thousands of years!

**So, Miss Huxley,** I hope you'll come and visit us soon. Adventure, relaxation and fun – Crystal Island has it all!

Hope you see soon,  
 Mr. Great

**More, more sentence**  
 If you like your summers scorching hot and your winters white and frosty, then this is the place for you!

**Rhetorical Question**  
 What about towns and villages?

**More, more sentence**  
 The more you explore, the more you'll want to come back!

**Three words and a dash sentence**  
 Adventure, relaxation and fun – Crystal Island has it all!

A WAGOLL shows us 'what a good one looks like' and this helps us to plan our end product.

In Reception (Apple Tree) we learn through play and exploration, in a free flow environment. The way we learn supports our communication and language development, physical development and personal, social and emotional development.

**Please help us to learn by reading with us, practising our phonics and giving us time to do our homework.**

**THANK YOU!**

