



## Reception Ladybirds Newsletter – Autumn 1

### **Welcome**

We are delighted to welcome the children to Corby Primary Academy at the beginning of their school journey. This is a wonderful time, and we have a lot of new learning planned for your children. This term our topic will be 'Tell Me A Story' focusing on traditional and well-loved stories.

### **Phonics**

This term we will introduce our phonics scheme Little Wandle programme which will teach your children early reading and spelling. We usually teach four new sounds a week and have a review lesson on a Friday. You will get a list of the sounds that we are learning to have at home. This will help you with pronunciation. More information to follow.

Recommended reads for reception: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/books-by-age-and-year-group/early-years/>

### **Literacy**

In Literacy we will be retelling stories using puppets, props and role play as well as creating simple story maps. Towards the end of term, we will be writing simple words. Children will also practise writing their name.



### **Maths**

In reception we use the Mastering Numbers programme. This term children will build on previous experiences of number from their home and nursery environments, and further develop their subitising and counting skills.



### **Communication and language**

This term we will be developing the children's listening skills, through stories, songs and rhymes and be taught the importance of listening in school. The children will be introduced to lots of new vocabulary in their learning and the school environment. The children will have lots of opportunities to talk and ask questions.



### **Personal, social and emotional development**

The first few weeks, we will introduce the rules and routines of the class and



school which will be ongoing throughout the term. We will be participating in activities that support children to see themselves as valuable members of Ladybirds class. We will be encouraging the children to make new friends and promote positive behaviours such as sharing and turn taking.

**Physical development**

We will be developing the children motor skills through movement and drama in our outside area. We will introduce the children to our writing scheme, Kinetic Letters, which includes animal position to help strengthen children’s bodies, to get ready for writing. The children will be supported in managing their own needs such as toileting and handwashing.



**Understanding the world**

Through various activities the children will be looking at similarities and differences between themselves and their friends.



**Expressive arts and design**

In art this term we will be making marvellous marks through drawing. We will be exploring mark making through different drawing materials. We will begin to draw from observation using faces and self-portraits as a stimulus.



**Helping your child learn at home**

Continue to support your child to be independent, putting on and taking off their coats and shoes.  
When your child receives their school reading book please read regularly with them.  
Support your child in recognising numbers 0-5 then 0-10.



**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



**Rewards**

The children will receive ‘Dojo Points’ as reward for good behaviour,

work and attitude.



**Class information**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs O'Donnell

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**Supported by:** Miss McQueen and Mrs Smart

Please discourage your children from bringing their own toys to school.  
In order to keep books and letters in good condition we ask that all children bring a bag to school every day so that we can update their books and to send home any letters or resources.

**Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

If you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

**Dates for the diary!**

**Autumn 1**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Training Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Training Day

W/B Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September- Reception children start - mornings and lunch only

W/B Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September- Reception children start full time

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Wear Red for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Mufti Day – Wear Green for Lakelands Hospice

W/B 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents' Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Harvest Festival - tbc

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – School Photos (individual & siblings)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October school closes to pupils for Half Term

**Autumn 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – school reopens for pupils





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