



## Reception Newsletter – Autumn 1

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Reception at Corby Primary Academy! We are very excited to see all the children settle into school life and to getting to know them better as the year goes on. Here's a little taste of what we will be exploring this half term.

### **Phonics and Reading**

This half term we will be starting to learn our first few sounds. We will be learning

Week 1 s a t p

Week 2 i n m d

Week 3 g o c k

Week 4 ck e u r

Week 5 h b f l

We will learn the trick words I, the, and is.

The children will be bringing home a library book for you to share together once they are in full time. They will start to bring a reading book home a few weeks into the term, once they have begun to establish some phonic skills. It is likely that the first few books will not contain any words and are designed for the children to create their own stories from the pictures.

**Phonics**

### **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 starting to write the first sound of words. The children will also practise writing their name. We will be using the stories of The Gruffalo, Little Red Riding Hood and The Elves and the Shoemaker.



### **Maths**

In Mastering Number we will be exploring numbers to 5, to build on their understanding from nursery and home. This includes subitising (saying how many objects are in a group without needing to count them) and know ways of making numbers.

We will also be exploring measures and patterns throughout the half term.



### **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 encouraging the children to make new friends and promote positive behaviours such as sharing and turn taking. We will also be exploring the Zones of Regulation, which is a whole school tool to help the children to discuss and understand their emotions.

**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**

Our theme for the half term is ‘Enchanted Woodlands’. We will be learning about animals and plants you might find in British woodland, as well as talking about signs of autumn. We would love for you to go on a walk and collect pinecones, leaves, conkers, acorns etc. for us to have in school and explore together. Later in the half term we will be learning more about harvesting and taking part in the whole school Harvest Festival.



In RE, we will be looking at Belonging. The children will learn about the different groups they belong to including their families, their class and any clubs they go to. We will also explore groups within the community, including different faith communities.

**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. In music we will be exploring making sounds using instruments and our bodies, as well as listening for sounds in nature and the environment.



**Helping your child learn at home**

Continue to support your child to be independent, especially in putting on and taking off their coats and shoes. Please also continue to work on toileting skills, especially wiping and remembering to wash their hands without needing a prompt or reminder.

When your child receives their school reading book please read regularly with them. This includes both the library book and their own reading book.

Please support your child with recognising numerals 1-5 and talking about maths in the environment, such as door numbers, groups of objects and patterns they may see.



**Enrichment**

We will be taking the children into the school grounds to look for signs of autumn. We would love any autumn items bringing in.

If your child belongs to any groups, or you attend any religious communities, then we would love to know about this, with any appropriate photographs to support our RE learning. You can email these to the teachers using the addresses below.



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## 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

**Ladybirds Class Teacher:** Mrs Burnham  
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**Butterflies Class Teacher:** Mrs Turner  
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**Supported by:** Mrs Smart, Miss McQueen, Mrs O'Boyle and Mrs O'Donovan

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 do not allow your child to bring any toys from home to school so that they do not get lost.

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

**Don't forget to send your child with a named drink for the classroom each day.** (Nothing fizzy or milk based please)

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

## Dates for the diary!



### **CPC Key Dates 2024-2025**

#### Autumn 1

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Training Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Training Day

W/B Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September- Reception children start- am and lunch only

W/B Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September- Reception children start full time

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Wear Red for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Parents' Phonics Session – timings tbc

W/B 30<sup>th</sup> September – Parents' Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

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





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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents’ Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents’ Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October school closes to pupils for Half Term

