

## Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 2

### Welcome

Welcome back, I hope everyone has had a lovely break! The run up to Christmas is always such a busy and exciting time in school, here is some of what we'll be up to...

### Phonics and Reading

Following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme the children will be start on phase 3,4 and sounds learning new digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words. The children will also be continuing to segment and blend and read words.

**Phonics**

Recommended reads for year 1: [Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 1-7](http://booksfortopics.com) ([booksfortopics.com](http://booksfortopics.com))



### Writing

This term we will be focused on sentence structure in English. We will work on including capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces consistently and will practise using adjectives to describe.



### Maths

This term our first unit is addition and subtraction within 10. Children will start by working with a part whole model and securing our number bonds to 10. Then children will work on addition and subtraction calculations.



### Science

The children are learning about everyday materials in science. They will name and investigate a range of everyday materials and carry out tests to group materials according to their properties such as absorbency, waterproof, strength.





## Computing

In computing, our unit is an introduction to pictograms, looking at how they can be used to represent data in picture format. Children will work to collect data from a simple experiment then input this to create a pictogram using tools on Purple Mash.



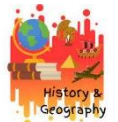
## Art

This term in art, our focus is 'Make your Mark'. We will begin by exploring line and mark making to draw water. Children will then experiment with a range of media to create an abstract composition inspired by the work of Kandinsky. Finally, children will apply their drawing skills and knowledge to create an observational drawing experimenting with marks and materials.



## History

This term our history learning is based off the key question 'How am I making history?' Within this unit children will explore how their lives today compare to childrens lives in the past. We will discuss the ways in which they are similar and the things that have changed over time.



## Music

Our music focus this term is learning plenty of Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas performance!



## PSHE

This term in PSHE our topic is keeping safe and healthy. Within these topic... will focus on road safety and the importance of washing our hands. We aim to take the children out to cross the road directly outside of the school. This will allow the children to recognise a safe place to cross (the zebra crossing) while also being able to see how other areas are not as safe.



## RE

In RE, our topic of 'People in Christianity' is continuing from last half term.





In this term, children will work to answer the key question 'Who is St Francis and what did Jesus inspire him to do'.

**Enrichment**

We will be learning and performing the 'Sugar Plum Fairy' as our Christmas play with Year 2. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on this!



**Homework Project**



We will continue to send home sheets explaining what we have learned in phonics each week for the children to practice. We will also make sure that the children have tricky words to practice at home as well as their reading books each week. In maths, we will send home the booklets linked to the current unit for children to work through.



Respect



Responsibility



Resilience

**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.





# CORBYPRIARY ACADEMY

## Class information

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

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!**



### **Autumn 2**



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – school reopens for pupils

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Book & Biscuit Event 2.40-3pm

W/B 11<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Book Fair

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle service KS2 9am/ KS1 2.30pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Sing-along – am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre (stalls available, contact PTA)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Concert 2.00pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – school closes for Christmas

