



Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1

**Welcome**

Welcome back, we hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas break!

**Phonics and Reading**

**Phonics**

Following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme the children will continue to learn and review phase 3,4 and 5 sounds and tricky words. The children will also be continuing to segment, blend and read words.



For age-appropriate books to share at home follow this link to find 50 recommended reads!

[Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6](#)

**Writing**

This term we will continue to work on sentence structure, using adjectives to describe a noun and using conjunctions to join sentences. Our writing will be based on some lovely picture books including: Stanley's Stick, Traction Man, Look Up and Lost in the Toy Museum.



**Maths**

This term our first unit is shape. We will work on recognising and naming both 2D and 3D shapes. We will also sort and group shapes based on their properties.





Then, we will look at place value within 20 where we will explore the number system from 11-20. The children will recognise numerals, compare, and order numbers and place numbers on a number line.

### Science

In science our topic is 'Sensitive Bodies'. The children will learn to name body parts and explore the five senses. We have some very fun 'sense' challenges to take part in!



### Computing

In computing, we have two units. The first is Maze Explorers where the children will learn how to use the direction keys. The second unit is Technology Outside of School. In this unit, the children will explore the different types of technology around us and in the community.



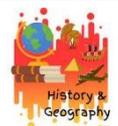
### DT

This term in DT we have a textiles topic! Children will design, create and evaluate hand puppets!



### Geography

Our geography unit is exploring the question 'What is the weather like in the UK?' Always a popular topic of conversation! They will be building upon our science learning about seasons from Autumn 1, and looking for any weather patterns across the country. You could support with this by watching some weather reports with the children at home 😊



### Music

In music this term we will focus on tempo. Children will use their bodies and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of music with fast and slow speeds; learn and perform a rhyme and a song focussing on fast and slow.



### PE

Our PE topics this term are dance and hockey. Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

Children should come to school in their school PE kit on these days - black joggers/leggings and black sweatshirt or school jumper.





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Earrings to be removed before school and hair to be worn up.

## PSHE

Our PSHE topic is keeping safe. We will cover sleeping, who can help and sharing pictures.

## RE

In RE, we will be exploring 'Places in Christianity' and learning about churches. We will look at the symbols and main features and why they are important to Christians.



## Enrichment

To support our RE unit, we are planning to visit the church of St Michael and All Angels in Great Oakley. We will look at different features of the building and learn why they are important.



## Homework Project

We will be keeping you up to date on Dojo and continue to send home phonics spellings for the week. Maths homework is now included at the back of these books.



## Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as a reward for demonstrating our school values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.





## CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Class information

Bluebells Class Teacher: Miss Ilko

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### Supported by:

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Mrs O'Donovan (Dahlias)

Mrs Dack (Bluebells)

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!



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - INSET Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - School reopens to pupils.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Book and Biscuit session 2.40pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Whole school panto - Robin Hood

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - NSPCC Whole School Number Day- timings tbc

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Mental Health Week - wear yellow

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Valentine's Day disco - timings tbc

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - school closes for Half Term.