



CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY



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

Phonics

In phonics, we will be starting to learn our first few sounds.

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 tricky words I, the, and is.

The children 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.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be retelling stories using puppets, props and role play and working on our speaking and listening skills. 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 listening to lots of familiar stories, and we will be asking the children to choose their favourite books.



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 developing our number sense.

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 play, songs and rhymes and be taught the importance of following instructions. 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's motor skills through movement and drama in our outside area. We will introduce the children to our writing scheme, Kinetic Letters, which incorporates making animal shapes with our bodies to help strengthen our core muscles 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 'Magical Me'. This is a topic that helps children begin to find out more about themselves, their families and their friends. We will provide the children with opportunities to share experiences, talk about important people in their lives, and notice things they have in common as well as what makes them unique. The children will start to build an understanding of their own identity and the relationships that connect them to others.



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

Please 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, and remember to enjoy lots of bedtime stories!

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 part in weekly yoga sessions, led by an external instructor. Yoga supports the children's physical development by improving balance, coordination, and core strength in a fun and engaging way. It also encourages calmness and focus, helping children learn strategies for relaxation and emotional regulation.



SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT

- FOR OURSELVES
- FOR OTHERS
- FOR OUR ACADEMY

SCHOOL VALUES

RESILIENCE

- BELIEVE IN OURSELVES
- CHALLENGE OURSELVES
- LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES

SCHOOL VALUES

RESPONSIBILITY

- FOR OUR WORDS
- FOR OUR ACTIONS
- FOR OUR ACADEMY

Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.





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Class information

Fuscias Class Teacher: Mrs Meehan (Mon - Weds) and Mrs Esler (Thur - Fri)

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Supported by: Mrs Reeves and Miss McQueen

To keep books and letters in good condition, we ask that all children bring a book bag to school every day so that we can update their books and send home any letters or resources. Please do not allow your child to bring any toys from home 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 as we are a no nut school.

Dates for the diary!



CPC Key Dates 2024-2025

Autumn 1

Monday 2nd September – Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September – Training Day

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

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

Friday 20th September – Wear Red for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

Wednesday 25th September – Reception Parents' Phonics Session – timings tbc

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

Thursday 10th October – School Photos (individual & siblings)

Tuesday 15th October – Parents' Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 16th October – Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Thursday 17th October - Harvest Festival

Friday 25th October school closes to pupils for Half Term

