



Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful break. This term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities, along with plenty of singing and dancing as we prepare for our magical Christmas play.

Reading

Phonics

Well done to all of you who are reading at home. We have seen lots of improvement already. Please remember to have reading books and reading record books in school every day. We aim to listen to readers and change books at least once a week (more if we can) but this is much more difficult if children don't have their books in school. Thank you for your support with this. Remember there are awards to be won if you read 4 times a week for 6 weeks in a half term.

Writing

In writing we will be continuing to work on writing with correct sentence structure, especially making sure we are all using capital letters and full stops correctly. We will base our writing around a selection of books including *The Proudest Blue*, *Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* and *Paddington's Post*.





Maths

This term's units will include:

Addition and subtraction: children will be continuing to learn to add and subtract within and across a 10. They will learn patterns in addition and subtraction and use related facts to help solve bigger problems. We will be looking at number bonds to 100.



Shape: children will be learning to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. They will be counting vertices, sides, edges and faces on shapes and comparing these. They will also learn to identify lines of symmetry in shapes.

Science

In science, we will be looking at microhabitats. We will be kicking off our new science topic with a trip to Ferry Meadows. This will enable us to explore the woodland and countryside habitats and the micro habitats within them.



Computing

Children will be learning how to present their ideas in different ways. They will be creating story books, quizzes, fact files, mind maps and presentations using Purple Mash.



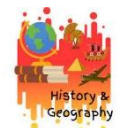
DT

This term in DT, we will be focussing on structures. Towards the middle of the term, we will be having a DT Day in which we will redesign and make a chair for Baby bear.



Geography

In Geography we will be deciding if we would prefer to live in a hot or a cold place. We will be learning the continents, oceans, where the equator is, where the south/north poles are and what the climate is like in different countries. We will also be comparing the UK to Kenya.



Music

Our music this term will be focussed around our Christmas concert. We will also be listening to and appraising Christmas music and practising playing along with our chime bars.





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PE



Our PE lessons will be on Tuesday (indoors) and a Thursday (outside). Please ensure children are in PE kits on these days and that they have something warm to wear for outside sessions. Earrings should be removed either before school or by the child in school. Adults are not allowed to help with this in school.

PSHE

Children will be looking at what makes us who we are. We will be looking at our differences and celebrating what makes us unique.

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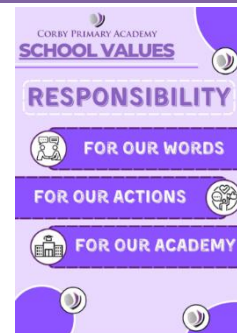


In RE, the children will be learning about Jewish families. We will look at their beliefs and traditions and compare them to our own.

Homework Project



Can children create their own micro habitat? As we will be studying microhabitats in our science lessons, this will be able to enhance the children's learning. Children could make a bug hotel or create a terrarium. They could make their microhabitats at home and take a picture or create their microhabitat in a container.



Rewards

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



Class information

Class Teachers: Mrs McMahon, Mrs Ashcroft, Mrs King



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Supported by: Miss Neale, Mrs Reilly and Miss Macirowska

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 or honey.

Dates for the diary!



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Monday 3rd November - school reopens for pupils

Thursday 6th November - Book & Biscuit session - 2.40pm

W/B 10th November - Anti-bullying week

Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November - Children in Need Day

Wednesday 3rd December - Wednesday 10th December - Book Fair

Thursday 4th December - Christingle Service KS1 9am/ KS2 2.30pm

Friday 5th December - School Closed - Trust INSET Day

Monday 8th December - Reception Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 9th December - Reception Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 9th December - Nursery Sing-along – 9.30am

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Jumper

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Fayre / Santa's Grotto 3.15pm

Friday 12th December – Nursery Christmas party (am & pm)

Monday 15th December - KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm

Tuesday 16th December - KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm

Wednesday 17th December - KS2 Christmas Concert 2pm

Friday 19th December - school closes for Christmas

