



CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY



Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

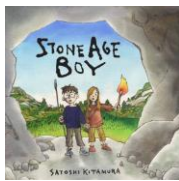
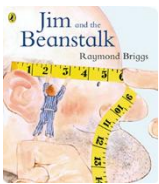
Hello, we hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for a new academic year. Please see below all the information for this term in Year 3. We are looking forward to starting the year and learning lots along the way.

Reading

Reading in class will consist of four class sessions that will include verbal and written comprehension. We will use this time to study a range of texts and genres. The adults in class will also hear all the children read independently at least once a week. Please continue to read at home, record in their reading records and bring to school each day.

Writing

In writing we will continue building on the skills learnt in Year 2 including the use of punctuation, conjunctions and varied sentence openers. We will be basing our work on Jim and the Beanstalk and Stone Age Boy and will also be writing Kennings poems using information in The big book of beasts. Children will also be given weekly spellings to learn. These will be tested on the following Tuesday.



Maths

In maths this term children will be consolidating their previous place value knowledge from year 2 and building upon it. Children will partition numbers to 100, work on number lines and represent and partition numbers to 1000. Children will also be practicing their addition and subtraction skills working with 2 digit and 3 digit numbers. As well as this, children will be focussing on learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



Science

In science, we will be studying 'Rocks and soils'. In this unit, we will be able to define what a rock is and begin to describe the appearance of different rocks, including crystals and grains. We will



learn about the properties of rock including their absorbency, hardness and their reaction to acid rain (vinegar). Children will find out about the work of palaeontologists. Children will learn to categorise soils and know the benefits of earthworms to the soil and learn about layers of sediments.

Computing

During this half term, children will study two units of Computing; 'Touch typing' and 'Graphing'. Typing, as with handwriting, needs regular practice and the unit will give the children a basic understanding regular and consistent practice. In 'Graphing' children will learn to enter data, make a graph and perform simple sorting.



DT

In our DT lessons children will be learning about how fruits and vegetables grow in different countries based on their climates. We will learn that 'seasonal' fruits and vegetables are grown in a given season and that eating seasonal fruit and vegetables has a positive effect on the environment. Children will design their own tart recipe using seasonal ingredients, learning the basic rules of food hygiene/safety and follow the instructions within a recipe.



Geography

In Geography this term children will be answering the enquiry question 'Why do people live near volcanoes?'. Children will learn features of volcanoes and learn how they formed, describe how volcanoes form at tectonic plate boundaries, explain a mix of negative and positive consequences of living near a volcano and state whether they would or would not want to live near a volcano. Children will also be studying rocks during Geography, learning the different rock types (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic).



RE

In RE, we will be learning about how different religions, particularly Christianity, view the idea of light and dark.



PE

This term, we will have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure children come in PE kits on these days and remove earrings. We will have a gymnastics coach leading our lessons on Tuesdays and we will be working on improving our ball skills on Wednesdays.



Music

In music, we will learn what ballads are, how to identify their features and how to convey different emotions when performing them. Using an animation as inspiration, children will carefully select vocabulary to describe the story, before turning them into lyrics by incorporating rhyming words and following the structure of a traditional ballad.



PSHE

This term we will re-introduce 'The Zones of Regulation' and children will complete activities around this and discuss ways to regulate their emotions.





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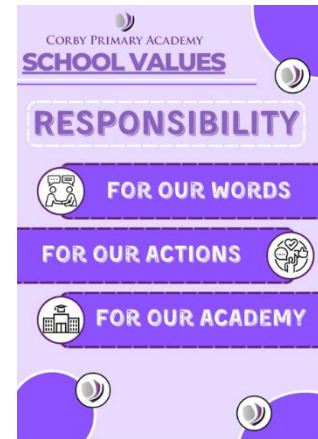
Spanish

By the end of our Spanish unit this term we will be able to locate Spain, Madrid and a few key cities on a map. We will say our name, how we are feeling, learn up to 10 colours and count from 1-10 in Spanish.



Enrichment

We will be going on a trip to the Roald Dahl Museum. More details to follow shortly!



Rewards

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



Class information

Peaceful Poppies Class Teachers: Mr Champion (Monday-Tuesday) and Mrs Powers (Wednesday-Friday)

Determined Delphiniums Class Teachers: Mrs Yeomans (Mon-Thurs) and Miss. Peck (Fri)



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We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

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

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

Dates for the diary!

2025-2026



Autumn 1

Monday 1st September - INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September - INSET Day

Wednesday 3rd September - Autumn 1 Year Group Newsletters and Timetables

Monday 8th September- Reception children start - am and lunch only

Monday 15th September - Reception children start full time

Thursday 25th September - Reception Parents' Phonics Session - 2.30pm

Thursday 2nd October - Harvest Festival

Thursday 2nd October - Book & Biscuit session - 2.40pm

Tuesday 7th October - School Photos (individual & siblings)

Tuesday 7th October - Potential Reception intake evening for 2026 - 2pm

Thursday 9th October - Potential Reception intake evening for 2026 - 5pm

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day – wear green / yellow

Tuesday 14th October - Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 15th October - Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Friday 17th October - Y3/Y4 Bikeability training (one day)

Thursday 23rd October – Halloween Disco (Reception/KS1/KS2)

Friday 24th October - Autumn 2 Year Group Newsletters and Timetables

Friday 24th October - school closes to pupils for Half Term

