



Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Year 4. We are looking forward to getting settled in, getting to know all of the children and learning about some brilliant things which we will tell you about below.

Reading

We will explore a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts in our reading lessons. Each week we will look at an extract from a different text and explore this in detail, looking at vocabulary, inference, retrieval and more.



The children will be given daily opportunities to engage in reading for pleasure.

Writing

This term in writing the children we will look at The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. As we read the text, we will be describing the characters using expanded noun phrases and will be writing our own newspaper report.



Maths

Our first focus in Maths this term will be place value. We will look at representing and partitioning numbers up to 10,000, ordering numbers and estimating numbers on a number line. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction with and without exchange. Alongside this we will still be focussing on basic arithmetic skills (both written and mental).



Science

In Science this term, our learning will be focussing on the digestive system. Children will be asked to label key organs found in the digestive system and describe their functions. We will also be looking into the importance of our teeth and describing the functions of the four different types of adult teeth. Finally, we will be looking at food chains and identifying examples of producers, predators and prey and defining what they are.



Computing





Our computing unit this half term is 'coding'. The children will learn how to create a simple program using IF/ELSE statements, co-ordinates and number variables.

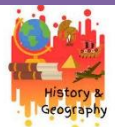


Art

In Art this term, we will be learning about and creating our own power prints. Children will explore different ways of holding their pencil and apply different amounts of pressure to see what effect it has on their sketching. They will be exploring using different materials such as charcoal and rubber to show areas of light and dark and will consider the relative size of objects they draw.

History

During History this term, children will be looking at how childhood has changed over the years. They will be identifying the types of jobs Tudor and Victorian children had and explaining why the children needed to work. They will also be looking into leisure activities children have had throughout the years and making comparisons and discussing why they have changed over time.



PE

There will be two sessions of PE this term. On a Tuesday, the children will be learning the skills for Basketball and then applying these to a game situation. In our Thursday session, it will have a dance focus where the children will learn and come up with their own movements eventually leading to a performance.



PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will focus on the Zones of Regulation. We will look at each zone identifying emotions connected with each. Then, we will come up with ideas for what to do when we're in each of the zones and creating a class toolkit with these strategies.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be focussing on the unit 'Me presento' (presenting myself). Children will learn how to introduce themselves, say how old they are and say where they live. They will cover this through speaking and listening exercises as well as reading and writing tasks.

Home Learning

- Children should be reading at least four times a week at home. Please record this in their reading diaries.



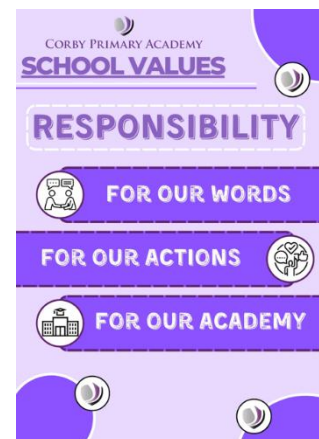


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- Spellings should be practiced weekly and can be found via SpellingFrame and the children are also given paper copies. They will have a spelling test on Mondays.

- Times tables should be practised regularly to build fluency. This can be done on Times Table Rockstars and timestables.co.uk. The children are tested every Friday.

All required log ins are in the front of your child's reading diaries. Please speak to the class teacher if you need replacement copies.



Rewards

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



Class information

Creative Carnations

Class Teacher: Mr Wright

Supported by: Mrs Fuller

Zebras

Class Teacher: Miss Tucker

Supported by: Mrs McIntrye

You can contact your child's class teacher through Class Dojo messages.

