



CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY



Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 2

Successful Snowdrops and Outstanding Orchids

Welcome

Welcome to our Year 5 class newsletter for Spring 2.

Reading



We will continue to have reading lessons four times a week. Two of these will be whole class reading lessons where we work together on our reading skills. One of these will be comprehension, where we independently apply these reading skills.

Writing

This term our units will be based around, 'A Dark, Dark Tale' by Ruth Brown and 'Romeo and Juliet', by William Shakespeare. We will be writing a suspense narrative and a diary entry.



Maths

In maths this half term we will continue to focus on:

- multiplication and division
- fractions
- decimals and percentages



Alongside these units we will continue to work on our arithmetic skills (both mental and written).

Science



Our unit this term is called, 'Life cycles and reproduction'. We will learn about the life cycles of plants, mammals, birds, amphibians and insects and we will also find out about asexual reproduction in plants.

Computing

This term in computing we will be learning how to use and edit spreadsheets.



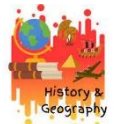
Art

Our art unit is called, 'Drawing: I need space'. One focus for the unit is understanding retrofuturism (art produced between 1950-1960 that depicted what people imagined the future would look like). Children will develop skills in evaluating images and creating art through various drawing processes, including collagraph printmaking.



History

This term, History will be about the Greeks and what they did for us. We will be investigating the city states of Athens and Sparta and learning about the legacy of the ancient Greeks, focusing on democracy, the Olympic games, architecture and art and theatre.



MFL

In Spanish, we will use this popular event of The Olympic Game to help pupils understand longer, more complex foreign-language texts.



Music

This term, we will be learning about dance and music of South and West Africa.



PE

PE days this term will be Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, we will be outdoor for tag rugby and on Thursday, we will be indoors for gymnastics



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about rights, respect and duties relating to my health and decisions about ending, borrowing and spending.

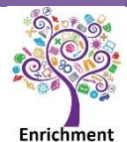
RE

We are continuing with the RE unit called Words of Wisdom: What can we learn from Christians, Sikhs and Muslims wisdom?



Enrichment

This term, 'Mental Wellbeing' workshops will be delivered by Coram Life Education. We will be holding an Ancient Greek Day to enhance our learning in history.



Homework



Weekly homework should include a mix of reading, spelling practise (Spelling Frame) and maths skills (timestables.co.uk website). These should be recorded each week in their reading diary and the diary signed by an adult. This will be checked each Thursday /Friday. Children who consistently complete the school's

weekly mandatory reading and spelling homework and have it recorded and signed by a parent or carer in their reading diaries, will join a hot chocolate and cake session at the end of the term.

This term we will also be introducing the following weekly homework:

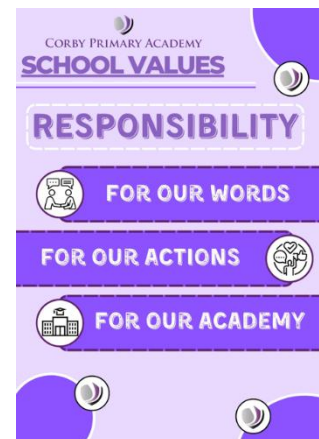
- spelling worksheet - to support the understanding of the definitions, as well as the spelling of each word.
- grammar, punctuation and spelling
- arithmetic and reasoning maths problems

If your child needs any additional practise with other skills, please come and speak to either Year 5 class teacher and we will be able to suggest additional home learning activities.

Homework projects

- Children could choose an animal and complete some research about the stages of its life cycle. They could then write or type a report about this.
- Children could complete some sketching and drawing practise at home to support with their art learning. There are often some useful tutorials that can be found online!

If you do complete these or any other home learning projects relating to our learning this term, please let me know. I would love to see these!



Rewards

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



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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan, coat, lunch bag and water bottle.
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!



Spring 2

Monday 23rd February - school reopens to pupils

Tuesday 24th February - Life Education Bus (PSHE) Y1,4,5 6

Wednesday 25th February - Life Education Bus (PSHE) Y1,4,5 6

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 17th March - Parents' evening 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 18th March - Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 18th March - Class Photos

Friday 20th March - Comic Relief Day

Thursday 26th March - Easter Hunt TBC

Friday 27th March - Wear blue and yellow for World Down Syndrome Day

Friday 27th March - school closes for Half Term



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