



## Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 2

### Welcome

We have had a busy spring term already and cannot believe how quickly we are moving through these terms! We are looking forward to another exciting term.

### 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 our writing focuses on the theme of rain forests.



The children will be using the book 'The Great Kapok Tree', to gain knowledge and vocabulary for writing, and to explore ways to create vivid images for the reader.

They will then move on to designing and creating persuasive texts as part of a campaign to save the rain forests!

### Maths

This term in maths, we will be continuing to multiply and divide using formal methods, before looking at length/perimeter, fractions and decimals. We will continue times tables practice at least three times per week, with two practice tests per week.



### Science

This term in science, we will be exploring ways to group living things. The children will be working scientifically to create classification keys, study how habitats change over time and understand the positive and negative effects humans have on their surroundings.



### Computing

This term in computing, the children will use a program called 2Logo which is a





text-based coding language used to control an on-screen turtle to create mathematical patterns. Children were introduced to turtle patterns using 2Go in year 1.

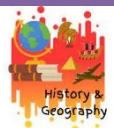


### DT

We will be learning a basic biscuit recipe and adapting it for a new audience while considering the cost of ingredients and other expenses against a set budget. This term we will be holding a 'DT day' that will include practical food activities. This will be towards the end of the term; more information will be on ClassDojo nearer the time.

### Geography

In geography this term, we will learn all about rain forests. We will explore where in the world tropical rain forests are, what the Amazon rain forest is like, who lives in a rain forest, and understanding threats to the rain forest.



### PE

This term in PE we will be doing netball with a specialist sports coach on Wednesday, and fitness on a Thursday.



### PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will focus on rights and respect, what makes us healthy, and how we can be responsible and safe. Through discussion, the children will think about how we can make a difference using our voice and contribute to decision making processes. They will also look further at how the media influences our decisions and how we express ourselves.

### Spanish

In Spanish we will be learning to name various items that can be found within the classroom environment, followed by learning how to ask questions in Spanish.

### Home Learning

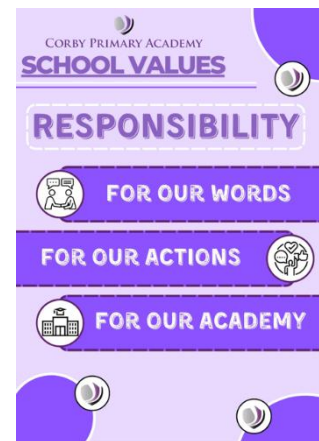


- The children will be given a weekly homework sheet that revisits key skills learnt across the week. This will be given out on Fridays and will need to be returned the following Friday.
- Children should be reading at least four times a week at home. Please record this in their reading diaries.
- Spellings should be practised weekly and can be found via Class Dojo and the children are also given paper copies. They will have a spelling test on Mondays.
- Times tables should be practised 3 times per week, with one of those days to be completing the Multiplication Tables Checker to build fluency. This can be done on [timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk). The



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children are tested every Friday. Please make sure you login. 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 showing the school values: Respect Responsibility and Resilience.

### Class information

**Creative Carnations**

**Class Teacher:** Mr Wright

**Supported by:** Mrs Fuller

**Delightful Daffodils**

**Class Teacher:** Miss Tucker

**Supported by:** Mrs McIntrye

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

**Dates for the diary!**

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - school reopens to pupils

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Life Education Bus (PSHE) Y1,4,5 6

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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6pm

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photos

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Hunt TBC

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Wear blue and yellow for World Down Syndrome Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – school closes for Half Term



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