



Nursery Daisies Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome to the summer term! Our new topic is 'See How They Grow'. We are going to be learning all about plants and growing, animals and their babies and the season on spring. We are looking forward to our Nursery trip to Mini Meadows at the end of the term too!

Phonics

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In phonics, we continue to practise the children's ability to recognise the first sound in a word. We are especially focusing on them knowing the first sound of their own name and on them recognising their name without a photograph prompt.

We are continuing to practise blending and being able to put together a simple word that an adult has sounded out.

Literacy



In Literacy, we are exploring the way that stories are structured and learning the words 'beginning', 'middle' and 'end.' We are going to retell some much-loved stories including Jack and the Beanstalk and The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We will start by reading a story called 'Errol's Garden' by Gillian Hibbs which is a suggested text from our Little Wandle Phonics programme.

Maths



This half term, we have a long focus on numerals and recognising numbers 1-5 and then 6-10. We are also going to practice matching the numerals to an amount and saying which of two groups has more or less in them. We will use the song 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' for



inspiration. Towards the end of the term, we will be exploring length, making comparisons of objects by their size and reviewing our knowledge of 2D shape recognition.

Communication and language



We will be learning words to do with growing and changing as well as more scientific terms such as 'cocoon' and 'life cycle' when exploring 'The Hungry Caterpillar.' We will also be supporting the children to make observations on what they see in nature and look forward to our trip to the farm!

Personal, social and emotional development



We will begin to prepare the children for transitions to school, although this is a very light preparation at this point. We are continuing to work with the children on managing their feelings. We will also be building on previous discussions about 'It's Okay to be Different' and helping the children to recognise that we are all different to each other, and that's okay.

Physical development



We will continue to develop the children's fine motor skills, including developing an effective pencil grip. A large focus of our physical development learning this half term is around the need to eat a balanced diet. As part of this we will be exploring the names of different foods and discussing why we need to eat a wide range of foods to be strong and healthy. We will also begin our group yoga sessions with a visiting Yoga teacher. These sessions will take place on Thursday mornings so comfortable clothing is advised please.

Understanding the world

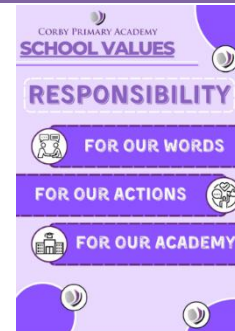
This is a very exciting half term with lots of 'hands on' opportunities. We will eagerly observe the growth of our own bean and sunflower plants and other flowers that are in our outdoor planters. We have also arranged for the children to meet some babies towards the end of the half term, so that we can talk about growing and changing since we were babies. To support with this, if you could send in a photograph of your child as a baby, we will be very excited to share them. Please send them to me at gsmart@corbyprimaryacademy.org I will send out a reminder on Dojo in due course.



Helping your child learn at home

Continue to support your child to be independent, putting on and taking off their coats and shoes. We have been practising the coat flip at Nursery. Read and share books together at home.

Support your children to recognise, sort and count numbers confidently 0-5, 0-10.



Rewards

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



Class Information

Class Teacher: Mrs Gemma Smart

Supported by: Miss Katherine Harvey, Miss Sabrina Cameron, Mrs Thirza O'Boyle, Mrs Holly Dennett and Miss Mia Bernard.

Please discourage your children from bringing their own toys to school.

Please remember to name your child's clothes and belongings.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and lunch bag or box if they stay for lunch.



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



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Monday 13th April – school reopens to pupils

Monday 20th April – Y4 residential to PGL

Thursday 23rd April - Book & Biscuit session (Nursery/Reception & KS1) 2.40pm

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - KS2 SATs Week

W/B 18th May Careers Week

Thursday 21st May – Beach Party (Reception/KS1 & KS2)

Friday 22nd May – Y6 Takeover Day

Friday 22nd May – Year group newsletters / school closes to pupils for Half Term

