

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Successful Snowdrops and Outstanding Orchids

Welcome

Welcome to Year 5 and to our first newsletter of the year! We really hope you have had a fantastic summer break. All of the Year 5 team are really looking forward to the exciting journey we are about to embrace this year.

Reading

In reading, we will focus on one extract each week, which will be a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will also complete one independent comprehension each week to improve our reading skills.



Writing

This term, we will be developing our narrative writing skills through a study of Varjak Paw by S. F. Said. Pupils will explore characterisation, setting and plot development as they write their own engaging narratives inspired by the text. We will also create a persuasive tourist brochure promoting the Alps, applying persuasive language techniques while making links to our Geography topic.

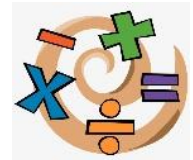


Maths

This term's units will include:

- Roman numerals
- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

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



Science

This term, the children will study Mixtures and Separation. Through a range of practical investigations, they will develop their working scientifically skills while exploring different materials and methods of separation, including sieving, filtering and evaporation. They will also learn about solutions and investigate the factors that affect how quickly substances dissolve.



Computing

In computing this term the children will be learning word processing skills on Microsoft Word. The skills covered will include creating from a blank page, using text and adjusting the font, size and colour, inserting images, inserting tables and using templates.



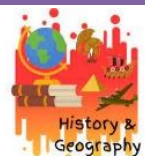
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This term, the children will design and create Wobble Bots - motorised products built for a specific purpose. They will deepen their understanding of electrical circuits and be introduced to motors. By investigating existing motorised products, they will explore how components are combined and constructed before designing and making their own Wobble Bots.



Geography

Our geography unit this term is called, 'What is life like in the Alps?' In this unit, children will learn where the Alps are and locate them on a map. They will also locate the key features of the Alps and compare this to our local area.



Music

This term, music is based on the theme of Ancient Egypt; children will learn to identify the pitch and rhythm of written notes and experiment with notating their compositions, developing their understanding of staff notation.



PE

In PE **Snowdrops** will be swimming and playing football. Swimming lessons will be on a Tuesday morning; please remind your child to bring their swim kit to school, including a one-piece costume for girls and swim shorts for boys. Swim hats are provided and children may bring in goggles if needed.

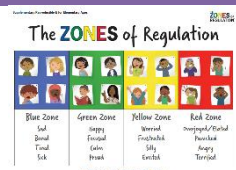


Orchids will be playing hockey on Mondays and playing football.

Football for both classes will be on Thursdays. Just a reminder that pupils should wear the proper school PE kit or plain black shorts / bottoms with a plain white / black / purple t-shirt.

PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be recapping their previous learning on the Zones of Regulation. This encourages children to recognise their emotions as well as learning strategies to support them in managing their feelings.



RE

In RE the children will be learning about Sikhism – this topic will continue throughout the Autumn Term. We will discuss the main beliefs and values as well as how Sikhism began.



Enrichment

As part of our Geography learning, we will go on a local area walk to be able to compare this area to the Alps.



Homework Project



Children should read at home at least four times each week and record this in their reading diaries. They should also practise their weekly spellings, which will be stuck into their reading diaries, and spend some time revising any areas of mathematics they find challenging. Children who consistently complete the minimum homework expectations each week will receive a reward at the end of the half term in recognition of their effort and commitment.

Home learning project ideas related to this term's learning include...

- Complete some research on a topic of interest and present this using Microsoft Word (computing – word processing skills).
- Create a holiday brochure to persuade people to holiday in the Alps (geography).
- Write a newspaper report about a dramatic event – this can be made up! (English)

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

SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT


FOR OURSELVES


FOR OTHERS


FOR OUR ACADEMY

SCHOOL VALUES

RESPONSIBILITY


FOR OUR WORDS


FOR OUR ACTIONS


FOR OUR ACADEMY

SCHOOL VALUES

RESILIENCE


BELIEVE IN OURSELVES


CHALLENGE OURSELVES


LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES

Children will be awarded **Dojo Points** to recognise positive behaviour, excellent effort, high-quality work and a positive attitude to learning. They will also have opportunities to earn **House Points** for their school house, which can then be traded for House Coins. House Coins contribute to their house's overall total and can be exchanged collectively for a range of rewards and privileges.



ClassDojo

Class information

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

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



CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

CPC Key Dates 2026-2027

Autumn 1



Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September - INSET Day

Monday 7th September- Reception children start (part-time)

Tuesday 8th September – International Literacy Day

Wednesday 9th September – Taekwondo taster sessions

Monday 14th September – CPA Election Week

Monday 14th September - Reception children start (full-time)

W/B Monday 14th September – Y6 PiXL Week

Tuesday 15th September – Y4 PGL Residential Parents Meeting - 5pm

Tuesday 22nd September - Reception Parents' Phonics Session - 2.30pm

Friday 25th September - European Languages Day

Friday 25th September - Y3/Y4 Bikeability training (one day)

W/B Monday 28th September – Y5 PiXL Week

Wednesday 30th September - School Photos (individual & siblings)

Thursday 1st October - Book & Biscuit session - 2.40pm - Nursery & Reception

M/B Thursday 1st October – Black History Month

Thursday 1st October – Harvest Festival

W/B Monday 5th October – Y4 PiXL Week

Monday 5th October – NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe workshops

Friday 9th October - World Mental Health Day – wear green/yellow

W/B Monday 12th October – Y3 PiXL Week

Tuesday 13th October - Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

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

Thursday 22nd October – Movie Night (Reception and KS1 – 2:45-4pm/KS2 – 4:15-5:45pm)

Friday 23rd October - school closes to pupils for half term

