



Nursery - Daisies Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome all of our wonderful children and their families to Nursery at Corby Primary Academy. We are pleased to have some familiar faces returning for the new academic year, alongside several new starters, whom we are excited to welcome and support as they settle in. This half term, we will be focusing on helping all of our children feel happy, safe, and settled in nursery while beginning to establish our daily routines and build positive relationships. Our topic for this half term is 'Into the Woods', and we are looking forward to exploring stories, nature, woodland animals, and exciting outdoor learning opportunities with the children.

Phonics

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Early phonic sessions will take place next term. This term we will be playing various listening games to enhance listening skills and concentration.

Literacy

This half term, we will be enjoying a range of nursery rhymes and stories as we begin to develop the children's love of books and reading. Together, we will be looking at, reading, and sharing books in both small groups and as a whole class. We will be encouraging the children to join in with familiar stories and rhymes and begin to recognise some well-known story characters along the way. You can support your child's learning at home by sharing books together and talking about the stories you read.

We will also be focusing on listening skills, encouraging the children to identify and talk about the sounds they can hear in their environment, both indoors and outdoors.

Maths

In Maths, we will be singing and taking part in number songs to 5, helping the children to develop their confidence with counting and recognising numbers. We will also be exploring the concepts of big and small through a range of practical activities and games. Alongside this, we will be developing the children's subitising skills by encouraging them to recognise and identify amounts to 3 without counting.

Communication and language

We will encourage the children to listen carefully and talk about their learning, sharing thoughts, ideas, and experiences with others. The children will also be encouraged to express their ideas and feelings using clear, understandable sentences and to build their confidence when speaking to both adults and their peers.



Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue to support the children to make positive relationships and help them to settle into new Nursery routines with both their peers and the adults in Daisies Class. The children will continue to develop an understanding of the school rules as well as the class rules. We will continue to encourage independence.



Physical development

This half term, we will be focusing on developing the children's gross and fine motor skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. Our gross motor activities will help the build strength, balance, and coordination as they take part in outdoor play, climbing, balancing, running, and movement games.



We will also be developing fine motor skills through activities such as mark-making, drawing, painting, threading, construction, and playdough. These activities help to strengthen the muscles in the children's hands and fingers, preparing them for early writing.

Understanding the world

This half term, we will begin by exploring our families and talking about the special people who are important to us. We will encourage the children to share their experiences and learn about similarities and differences between themselves and others.

As our 'Into the Woods' topic develops, we will observe and discuss the changes that occur during Autumn and explore the natural world around us. The children will have opportunities to investigate what we might find in a woodland environment and use their senses to describe what it might look, sound, feel, and smell like. Through these experiences, we will encourage curiosity, observation, and discussion about the world around us.

Helping your child learn at home



- Share books, stories and nursery rhymes together regularly
- Talk about your family and look at family photographs together.
- Encourage your child to speak in sentences and give them time to share their thoughts and ideas.
- Go on an Autumn walk and look for signs of the changing season, such as colourful leaves, acorns, conkers and berries.
- Listen for sounds in the environment and talk about what you can hear.
- Practise counting objects to 5 during everyday activities, such as counting toys, steps or pieces of fruit.
- Develop fine motor skills through activities such as drawing, colouring, playdough, building with blocks, threading and puzzles.
- Encourage independence by helping your child practise putting on their coat, putting on their shoes, washing their hands and tidying away their toys.



Rewards

The children will receive 'stickers' as rewards.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Smart and Mrs Turner

Supported by: Mrs Katherine Harvey, Mrs Thirza O'Boyle and Miss Sabrina Cameron

Please discourage your children from bringing their own toys to school.
In order to keep books and letters in good condition we ask that all children bring a labelled
bag to school every day.

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.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything
in that contains **nuts or honey**. There are children within our school and nursery setting with
serious allergies to both. Thank you for your support.



CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

CPC Key Dates 2026-2027

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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

