



Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

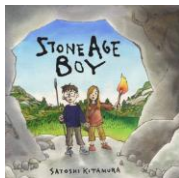
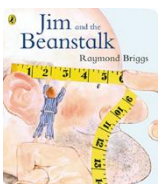
Hello, we hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for a new academic year. Please see below all the information for this term in Year 3. We are looking forward to starting the year and learning lots along the way.

Reading

Reading in class will consist of four class sessions that will include verbal and written comprehension. We will use this time to study a range of texts and genres. The adults in class will also hear all the children read independently at least once a week. Please continue to read at home, record in their reading records and bring their book to school each day.

Writing

In writing we will continue building on the skills learnt in Year 2 including the use of punctuation, conjunctions and varied sentence openers. We will be basing our work on Jim and the Beanstalk and Stone Age Boy and will also be writing Kennings poems using information in The big book of beasts. Children will also be given weekly spellings to learn. Please encourage your child to use spelling frame to help them practise these.



Maths

In maths this term children will be consolidating their previous place value knowledge from year 2 and building upon it. Children will partition numbers to 100, work on number lines and represent and partition numbers to 1000. Children will also be practicing their addition and subtraction skills working with 2 digit and 3 digit numbers. As well as this, children will be focussing on learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



Science



In science, we will be studying 'Rocks and soils'. In this unit, we will be able to define what a rock is and begin to describe the appearance of different rocks, including crystals and grains. We will learn about the properties of rock including their absorbency, hardness and their reaction to acid rain (vinegar). Children will find out about the work of palaeontologists. Children will learn to categorise soils and know the benefits of earthworms to the soil and learn about layers of sediments.

Computing



During this half term, children will study two units of Computing; 'Touch typing' and 'Presentations'. Typing, as with handwriting, needs regular practice and the unit will give the children a basic understanding regular and consistent practice. In 'Presentations', children will learn to use PowerPoint to present information.

DT



In our DT lessons children will be learning about how fruits and vegetables grow in different countries based on their climates. We will learn that 'seasonal' fruits and vegetables are grown in a given season and that eating seasonal fruit and vegetables has a positive effect on the environment. Children will design their own tart recipe using seasonal ingredients, learning the basic rules of food hygiene/safety and follow the instructions within a recipe.

Geography



In Geography this term children will be answering the enquiry question 'Why do people live near volcanoes?'. Children will learn features of volcanoes and learn how they formed, describe how volcanoes form at tectonic plate boundaries, explain a mix of negative and positive consequences of living near a volcano and state whether they would or would not want to live near a volcano. Children will also be studying rocks during Geography, learning the different rock types (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic).

RE



In RE, we will be learning about how different religions, particularly Christianity, view the idea of light and dark.

PE



This term, we will have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure children come in PE kits on these days and remove earrings. On Tuesdays we will be practising ball skills and on Wednesdays we will be doing outdoor adventurous activities.

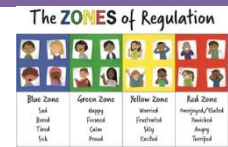
Music



In music, we be creating music for animations. We will learn how music can suggest characters, moods and events and will use this to create our own simple melodies to match a short film.

PSHE

This term we will re-introduce 'The Zones of Regulation' and children will complete activities around this and discuss ways to regulate their emotions. We will also talk about what a healthy friendship looks like and how to be a good friend.



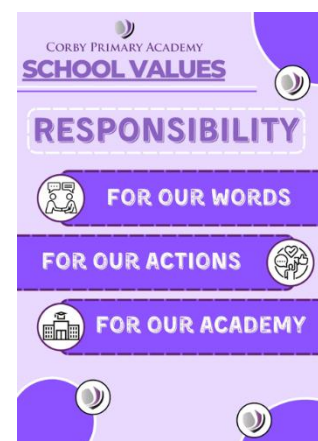
Spanish

By the end of our Spanish unit this term we will be able to locate Spain, Madrid and a few key cities on a map. We will say our name, how we are feeling, learn up to 10 colours and count from 1-10 in Spanish.



Enrichment

We will be going on a trip to the Roald Dahl Museum. More details to follow shortly!



Rewards

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



Class information

Peaceful Poppies Class Teachers: Mrs Maciorowska (Monday-Tuesday) and Mrs Powers (Wednesday-Friday)

Determined Delphiniums Class Teachers: Mrs Flouri
Mr Campion will also be teaching across Year 3 for reading, writing and
mathematics (Monday-Friday am)

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.
Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put
anything in that contains nuts or honey.
Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Dates for the diary!



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

