



CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Terrific Tiger Lilies



Talented Tulips



Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited to be starting in Year 2.

Phonics and Reading

Reading is a key part of our learning in Year 2. When the children can read confidently, it opens the door to so many more activities for them. Please try to find time to read with your child at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading records. It makes such a difference to their learning, and they earn dojos!

For shorter books, we will change them when they have been read three times to allow children to practise reading fluently. As they become more confident and move on to longer books, they will be changed when they have finished them.



In class, our reading sessions will consist of guided reading with the class, one to one reading with an adult and independent reading activities. We will also continue daily phonics lessons this term.

Please ensure children have their book bags in school every day so that we can easily check and change books.

Recommended reads: [Books for Year 2 children aged 6-7 | School Reading List](#)

Writing

In writing this half term, we will place a strong emphasis on the foundations that help children become confident and successful writers. This means ensuring your children develop secure knowledge of handwriting, spelling, sentence construction, vocabulary and grammar before applying these skills in their own writing.

To support writing, we will use:

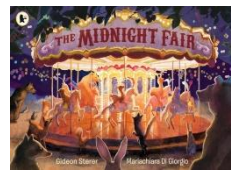
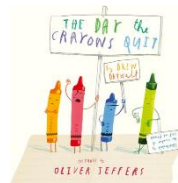
- A short film called 'A Cloudy Lesson'





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- The King Who Banned the Dark - Emily Haworth-Booth
- The day the crayon quit — Drew Daywalk
- The Midnight Fair - Gideon Sterer



Maths

This half term we will be focusing on developing fluency with number and place value. We will use concrete resources and pictorial representations to support with counting and ordering numbers up to 100. We will also be practising counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.



In addition and subtraction we will learn to add and subtract numbers within and across 10, using a range of concrete resources and pictorials to support with understanding. We will also be strengthening our knowledge of number bonds to 100, which will help us to build strong mental maths skills and increase our confidence when problem solving.

Science

In science, the children will be spending lots of time in our school wild area learning about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They will also learn to tell the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive.



Computing

In computing, the children will begin with a topic called 'Creating Pictures'. They will explore ways to create artwork in the style of different artists using a palette and the fill tool. Over the unit, they will make a digital portfolio of their work.



Near the end of the half term, they begin the next topic, 'Making Music'. They will explore how digital music is made, learn how to speed up or slow down music (BPM) and explore special effects (SFX). This unit will continue into Autumn 2.

To help at home, children should practise their typing skills. This will support them in logging on the laptops without support and give them more time in achieving well within the lessons.

Art

In art, our topic will be 'Drawing: Understanding tone and texture.' Children will experiment with a range of materials to create marks and tones using different pressures. They will learn to sketch simple shapes lightly so that changes can be made.



History

In history this term we will explore the question, 'How was school different in the past?' This will include exploring how schools have changed over time by comparing schools today with



those from the past. They will use different sources to research and develop an understanding of what schools were like 100 years ago before stating whether they would have preferred to go to school in the past or not.

Music

Our music topic will be 'Animals: call and response'. This will include children creating and copying sound patterns on instruments before pulling it all together to perform. They will explore dynamics and rhythm patterns.



PE

This term, PE will consist of Team Building (on Wednesday) and Gymnastics (on Thursday). Within team building, children will learn to work as part of a team to communicate and solve problems. Movement skills will include running, jumping, balancing and co-ordination. Within gymnastics, the children will learn to move their bodies in really fun ways including a bear crawl and lunge walk. Movement skills include balances, rolls and jumps.



Please ensure children are in PE kits on these days and this is the correct uniform. Earrings must be removed either before school or by the child in school. Adults are not allowed to help with this.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be exploring the theme of 'Me and my relationships.' We will be reminding ourselves of the Zones of Regulation, which is an approach that helps children to learn about their emotions. We will explore relationships with our friends and family and how we can share our worries. We will explore what bullying is and the differences between bullying and teasing.



RE

In RE our topic is 'The Family in Judaism: How does being Jewish make a difference to family and celebration?' We will look at beliefs and traditions and compare them to our own. We will begin by discussing how we can care for the world and the people, places and things that are important to us. We will also learn about Shabbat and discover why this day of rest is important to Jewish families and how it helps bring families together.



Homework

Your children will receive weekly homework that will revisit learning that is familiar to them. This may include:

- Spelling, which also includes Spellingframe <https://spellingframe.co.uk/>
- Writing
- Maths

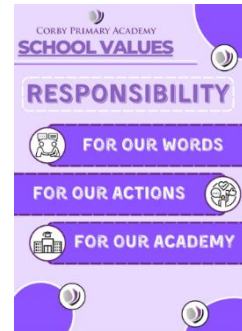




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- Reading activities, which also includes regular reading
- Or another area of the curriculum

Your children will receive this homework within an orange folder and can be returned any day up until the Thursday for it to be marked. New homework will be handed out on Friday.



Rewards

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



Class information

Terrific Tiger Lilies

Class Teacher: Mrs McMahon

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Supported by: Mrs Dack

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Class Teacher: Mrs Gregory

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Supported by: Miss Briglin

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

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.



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Dates for the diary!



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

