



## Reception Butterflies Newsletter – Spring 1

### **Welcome**

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a well deserved rest. I can't believe that we are a third of the way through the school year already! Here's some of what we have in store this half term...

### **Phonics and Reading**

#### **Phonics**

This term we will continue to use phase 2 sounds as well as learning Phase 3 sounds which are digraphs and trigraphs. We will be sending home an information sheet with the sounds and tricky words we will be learning this term as well as a sound mat home that your child can keep at home, to support their writing.

All children will have a book which will be changed weekly as well as a library book to read for pleasure (please note: children are not expected to read the book themselves; this should be read to them and discussed). We will continue to collect books in on a Tuesday and give books out on a Thursday. Please ensure you return books on time so we can issue a new book. Don't forget to write in your child's diary to gain Dojo points.

Recommended reads for Reception: [Best Books for Reception: Ages 4-5 Recommended Booklist \(booksfortopics.com\)](http://booksfortopics.com)

### **Literacy**

In Literacy we will be looking at fiction and non-fiction text connected to Space focussing on facts.

We will continue to focus on writing simple CVC words as well as extending writing to produce simple sentences. We will also be writing labels and using simple adjectives to describe.

This term we will continue to practise our Kinetic Letters and will provide sheets to practise at home as we learn them.



### **Maths**

This term, we will be focussing on subitising within 5 and matching numerals to quantities. In counting, we will focus on ordinality and the staircase pattern – to see each number as one more than the previous number. In composition, we will compare using the language of more, fewer, equal and unequal. Then at the end of term we will explore mass and capacity.



### **Communication and Language**

We will be encouraging children to listen to stories and build familiarity and understanding. We continue to develop the children's listening skills, through stories, songs and rhymes. The children will have lots of engaging opportunities to talk and ask questions.



### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will recap the rules and routines of the class and school which will be ongoing throughout the term. We will continue to encourage children to make choices in class to promote positive behaviours. There will be lots of opportunities to express themselves through activities, song and dance.



### **Physical Development**

This term children will be introduced to P.E. and structured movement through the topic of 'fantasy and adventure'. They will spend time learning basic principles of a PE lesson such as finding space, freezing on command, using and sharing equipment and working individually, with a partner and group. They will take part in activities which will develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, skipping.



**This will be every Friday. Children should wear their P.E. kit to school.**

### **Understanding the World**

This term our new topic is entitled 'To Infinity and Beyond'. We will be looking at all things to do with Space such as key figures in History – Neil Armstrong, Katherine Johnson, Mae Jamieson and Tim Peake. We will be exploring the solar system and the features of planets. We will be comparing 2 different countries – Russia and England – in the Space Race.



### **Expressive Arts and Design**

In Art this term, we will be studying the artist Vincent Van Gogh and recreating the painting starry night in his style.



In DT, we will be exploring different joining techniques and designing and making our own rocket. In Music, we will be recreating different rhythms using our bodies and musical instruments.

### **Helping your child learn at home**

Continue to support your child to be independent, putting on and taking off their coats and shoes. They should also practise using a knife and fork at mealtimes.

We suggest your child practises their reading book 3 times a week to make good progress.

Encourage correct letter formation especially the letters within their names. We will be sending home a phase 3 sound mat to support them at home.

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



### **Enrichment**

This term we have a very exciting VR Space workshop in school. This half day workshop will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.



### **Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



### Rewards

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



### Class information

**Class Teacher:** Miss Hendry and Mrs Turner

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**Supported by:** Mrs O'Donovan and Mrs Dack

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 bag to school every day.

**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 nuts.

### Dates for the diary!



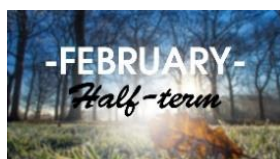
#### Spring 1

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens to pupils.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Whole School Panto – Cinderella

W/B 5<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Open Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – school closes for Half Term





## CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – school reopens to pupils.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day – tbc

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – school closes for Easter

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

