



## Nursery Bumblebees Newsletter – Spring 2

### Welcome

Welcome to term 4, time is going so quickly! We have lots of lovely things planned this term.

### Phonics

**Phonics**

In phonics we have been learning to hear the initial (first) sound in words and to blend words when the sounds are said to us. We are going to continue to practice these skills with lots of different games. We will be focusing on the sounds of u, r, h, b, f, l, j. At this point we do not show the children any words or letters written down (except for their names). All our work is oral.

We will also continue to practice reading the children's names, both with and without a photo prompt.

### Literacy

In Literacy we are going to use a story a week to develop our vocabulary. All the stories are linked to animals. Each week we will use a focus lens to develop vocabulary including noticing, feelings, and actions for this half term. The stories are Dear Zoo, Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, Elmer, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, We-re Going on an Egg Hunt, Mog and the V.E.T and Farmer Duck. We will use the last two stories to support with retelling stories using a story map and beginning to use words such as 'beginning' and 'end.'



### Maths

In Maths we are going to start by learning how to sort objects by 2 or more criteria. For example, we are going to sort animals by 'has got 4 legs/ has not got 4 legs.' Then we will explore comparing objects based on their weight or length. As the term progresses, we will compare 2 groups of objects and use vocabulary such as same, more or less. We will also learn and practice positional and directional language and begin to describe familiar routes. These words will include behind, in front, next to, under and other similar words.



### Communication and language

We will encourage the children to listen and make comments about their



learning. Also encourage them to express their ideas and feelings using full understandable sentences.

**Personal, social and emotional development**



We will continue to support the children to make positive relationships with both their peers and the adults in Bumblebee class. We are especially focusing on sharing and turn taking this half term and respecting our toys, as a lot of toys were damaged last term. We are also going to look at Mother's Day and the importance of our families. We will continue to encourage independence in self-care.

**Physical development**



We will continue to provide activities to further develop the children's fine motor skills which in turn will help with their letter formation. We do this through Kinetic Letters sessions, where we teach children the 'movements' that we make when forming letters. This half term we are focusing on 'slide' as well as practicing 'down bump', 'up' and 'flick' that we have already covered.

**Understanding the world**

This term our topic is 'Animal Kingdom'. We will begin our new topic with a focus on pets and the animals that are familiar to us and then we will move onto farm animals, and wild animals. We will think about where these animals might live and some of their key features. Our topic will finish with a week exploring the celebration of Easter.



**Helping your child learn at home**



Continue to support your child to be independent, putting on and taking off their coats and shoes. We have been practising the coat flip at Nursery. Read and share books together at home.

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



**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.



# CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY



## Rewards

The children will receive 'dojo points' as reward for good behaviour and attitude. When your child achieves 25 points they will have the opportunity to take a class mascot home with them for the weekend. As we progress throughout the terms, 50 points and 75 points will also be celebrated.



## Class information

**Class Teacher:** Miss Laura Meehan

[lmeehan@corbyprimaryacademy.org](mailto:lmeehan@corbyprimaryacademy.org)

**Supported by:** Mrs Laura Need, Miss Milly Stocker, Miss Katherine Harvey and Mrs Leigh Irvine

We are still experiencing colder weather. Can you please ensure that your child comes to Nursery with a warm coat and suitable clothing, in case they want to play outside.

Please discourage your children from bringing their own toys to school.

**Please remember to name your child's clothing and spare clothing.**

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 2

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



Please remember that there are afternoon and evening Parents Evenings for Nursery. If you have an appointment in the afternoon, please come to the Nursery building. If you have booked an evening appointment, I will be located in the main building, in the Rainbow room.