



Nursery Bumblebees Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome to the summer term! Our new topic is 'See How They Grow'. We are going to be learning all about plants and growing, animals and their babies, spring, lifecycles and how the children have changed since they were babies.

Phonics

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In phonics we continue to practice the children's ability to recognise the first sound in a word. We are especially focusing on them knowing the first sound of their own name and on them recognising their name without a photograph prompt. We are continuing to practise blending and being able to put together a simple word that an adult has sounded out.

Literacy

In literacy we are exploring the way that stories are structured and learning the words 'beginning', 'middle' and 'end.' We are going to retell some much-loved stories including Jack and the Beanstalk and The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We will start by reading a story called 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth and Nick Inkpen and thinking about the order of the events in the story.

Maths

This half term we have a long focus on numerals and recognising numbers 1-5 and then 6-10. We are also going to practice matching the numerals to an amount and saying which of two groups has more or less in them. We will use the song 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' for inspiration. Towards the end of the term we will be exploring length and making comparisons of objects by their size.

Communication and language

We will continue to use the Fantastics lenses to encourage the children to develop their vocabulary. We will be learning words to do with growing and changing as well as more scientific terms such as 'cocoon' and 'life cycle'. We will also be supporting the children to make observations on what they see in nature and look forward to our trip to the farm!

Personal, social and emotional development

We will begin to prepare the children for transitions to school, although this is a very light preparation at this point. We are continuing to work with the children on

managing their feelings. We will also be building on previous discussions about 'It's Okay to be Different' and helping to children to recognise that we are all different to each other, and that's okay.

Physical development

We will continue to develop the children's fine motor skills, including developing an effective pencil grip. A large focus of our physical development learning this half term is around the need to eat a balanced diet. As part of this we will be exploring the names of different foods and discussing why we need to eat a wide range of foods in order to be strong and healthy.



Understanding the world

This is a very exciting half term with lots of 'hands on' opportunities. We are eagerly awaiting our trip to the farm where we hope to see lots of animals and their babies and maybe feed some! We also look forward to the arrival of the class caterpillars, which we can watch make cocoons and become butterflies, if we are patient. We are also looking forward to our own bean plants and other flowers to grow in our outdoor planters. We have also arranged for the children to meet some babies towards the end of the half term, so that we can talk about growing and changing since we were babies. To support with this, if you could send in a photograph of your child as a baby, we will be very excited to share them. Please send them to me at imeehan@corbyprimaryacademy.org I will send out a reminder on Dojo in due course.

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.



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.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Laura Meehan
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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.

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Monday 15th April – Training Day

Tuesday 16th April – school reopens to pupils.

Wednesday 24th April- Trip to Mini Meadow's Farm.

Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - KS2 SAT's Week

Friday 24th May – Y6 Takeover Day

Friday 24th May – school closes to pupils for Half Term



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