



Newsletter

'Love the lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.'



'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Matthew 22:39

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Our Christian Value for
October is – Thankfulness



Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are only two weeks away from the half-term holiday. We have been so proud of all our children for their maturity and bravery since returning to school. The children have completed their summative assessments and class teachers have used these to help identify any gaps in learning. They all continue to work extremely hard and show perseverance throughout their learning. Please read the class news at the end of the newsletter to hear all about their lessons and opportunities.

Autumn Term Parent Consultations

Due to the COVID pandemic, we have taken the decision to hold consultations over the telephone this term. Letters will be sent on Monday next week for you to book a telephone appointment slot. Teachers will then phone you at the appropriate time to discuss how your child has settled back into school over the past half term. Consultations will be a maximum ten minutes as the teacher will then need to contact the next parents waiting. We are following guidance from the Local Authority ensuring all our families and staff are kept safe. The week commencing 19th October will be our Year 5/6 and Reception consultations. The week commencing 2nd November will be for our Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 classes. Please check book bags for the letter next week. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Harvest Time – Corby Food Bank Donations

Sadly, we are unable to come together this year to celebrate our Harvest Festival. We are still asking for food donations that we can donate to the Corby Food Bank. Please can you bring any non-perishable food items to school on Friday, 16th October. Any food donations will be much appreciated. Each class will have a box to collect the donations. The children will give thanks for Harvest within their classes by sharing poems and prayers.



Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from last week:
 Reception – Edie for being such a kind friend and making great progress;
 Year 1 – Eleanor for taking great pride in her work and trying her best;
 Year 2 – Dion for showing good understanding of commutative law in maths;
 Year 3 – Aria for excellent answers in reading comprehension;
 Year 4 – Abigail for fantastic discussions and explanations in our reading lessons;
 Year 5 – Brody for having a positive attitude towards all areas of learning;
 Year 6 – Ebony for taking pride in her work and challenging herself more.



Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from w/c 28th September:
 Reception – Freddie for listening so well and trying so hard with everything;
 Year 1 – Ella for showing bravery as she faces her challenges;
 Year 2 – David for always challenging himself especially with his vocabulary;
 Year 3 – Eleanor for fantastic thorough answers during reading comprehension;
 Year 4 – Gabriella for excellent history work finding out about Stone Age life;
 Year 5 – Imogen for amazing knowledge and understanding of World War 2;
 Year 6 – Lottie for a great evaluation and write up of our Science investigation.

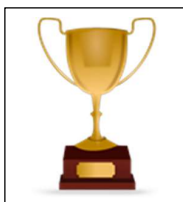


w/c 28 th Sept	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	100%	0	1 st
Year 1/2	99%	0	3 rd
Year 3/4	96%	0	4 th
Year 5/6	99.5%	0	2 nd

w/c 5 th Oct	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	99.5%	0	1 st
Year 1/2	98.7%	0	2 nd
Year 3/4	98.5%	0	3 rd
Year 5/6	99.5%	0	1 st

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 97.9%, which is slightly above our target!

Please remember that holiday requests **cannot** be authorised and parents risk receiving a fixed-penalty fine from the Local Authority. The school has a statutory duty to inform the Local Authority of any holiday requests for 5 or more days. It is important that the children attend school every day to avoid falling behind their peers.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

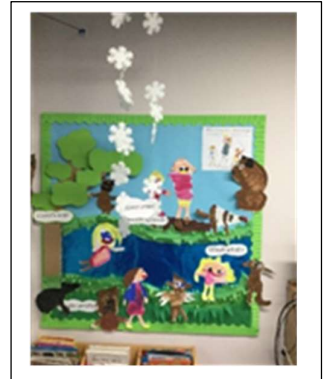
Kaia Corby Amateur Swimming Club – 3rd Place in 09/UN Individual Medley
David Corby Kingswood Juniors – F.C Football Trophy
Haydn Go-Kan-Ryu Karate – 8th Ryu certificate

Class News



Reception Class - (Kestrel)

Over the last two weeks we have been using stories with rhythm and pattern as a basis for our literacy and creative activities; 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo'. We have enjoyed acting out the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', making bear caves and obstacle courses. We really enjoyed the story of 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' and everybody loves joining in. We have produced lots of great writing and artwork for a display in the class.



We have been doing lots of counting to and from 20 and recognising numbers to 20. We have also been recognising, continuing and making repeating patterns with lots of different resources. We have been working out one more than a given number e.g. 5 and 1 more makes 6.



Over the last two weeks we have learnt the sounds 'i', 'n', 'm' and 'd'. We have been using all the sounds we have learnt so far to read and make cvc words.

In R.E., we were looking around school for signs and symbols that show our school belongs to the church family.

I hope everyone is looking forward to being in school all day every day next week!

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

This week in Falcon class, we have started a new topic in our Maths. We have been focusing on addition and subtraction. We have been using cubes and numicon to support adding and subtracting and have begun to write number sentences using the correct signs in Year 1. In Year 2, we have been using equipment and then beginning to understand what the inverse means.

In Literacy, we have started thinking about letter writing. We started looking at the features of the text and the layout to understand how a letter looks. We have been looking at letters and highlighting where we see these features.

In our Geography, we have been continuing our map work. The children were able to create a simple set of instructions to map out a journey using landmarks. In Science we started

thinking about plant habitats and where plants are best suited and why. In Computing, we have been using algorithms and then debugging them to move a rocket from one planet to another. We have worked hard this week and really enjoyed getting to know our new class robot! We are looking forward to another busy week next week!

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

In maths, we have been working on negative numbers and counting forwards and backwards through zero. We have been investigating sequences and patterns with numbers and we have begun to look at Roman Numerals. In geography, we have been researching a city in North or South America. We have used Google Earth, atlases and reference books to find out about the human and physical geography. In Spanish, we have been learning about where Spain is and some of the cities in Spain. We have been reading some Spanish books and using clues to work out the meaning. In PE, we have been working on our passing skills. In music, we have been playing notes on the Glockenspiels and we have been making our own compositions. In literacy this week, we have been continuing to write our own non-chronological reports about lions. We thought about using 2nd and 3rd person pronouns and the present perfect tense. We enjoyed our reading sessions using *The Butterfly Lion* and we are very excited to see what happens to Bertie during the war. In PE, we have been practising our footwork skills for netball and we loved the sportshall activity with Mr Dent on Wednesday morning. In science, we planned and carried out our own investigations into magnetic materials and in RE we were able to answer some key questions about Christian beliefs related to the creation story.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class, we have been finishing our work on historical fiction writing. The children have considered the stages of story writing and how they could plan their stories to follow these conventions. We have been thinking about speech rules and how to use speech within our stories. The children have all worked hard to write their stories and using description to make their stories more interesting to read. In Maths, we have started our new unit of work on addition and subtraction and have been looking at the written methods which we use to complete these. The children have been problem solving and having the opportunity to apply their written methods to different contexts. This week we have also been trying to work out the missing digits in addition and subtraction calculations. In RE we have been continuing our work on Judaism. The children have written some lovely prayers; taking into account the Jewish beliefs about God as well as learning about why the Torah is so important to Jewish people and what it teaches them. Our Science work has continued to focus on materials and their properties. The children were fantastic in completing an investigation into which liquid was the most viscous and took their time to write up and conclude the investigation. In our History work, we have continued to think about WW2. We focused on Operation Pluto and why Corby was so vital in helping with the war effort. The children have used sources of information to gather facts and write information texts. This week we have looked at evacuation and discussed how the different groups of people would have felt about the process. The children have been fantastic over the last couple of weeks and have all worked incredibly hard.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones