



Corrie Forum

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The Golden Rules

We are kind and gentle
We are prepared for the school day
We work hard
We look after property
We listen to people
We are honest

Attendance

The whole school attendance target for the school year is 97%

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the 152 children who have received their Attendance Award this week for achieving or attendance target of 97% last term. You are **AWESOME!!**

Mrs Higginbotham



Please remember to order your child's lunches for the whole term and inform the office if they are switching your child's lunch preferences.

Check the website

See our website for all the latest school information, events, class details and class blogs

www.corrie.tameside.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

Month February / March		
Day	Date	Event
Monday	27 th	School re opens
Tuesday	28 th	NEU Strike Day
Wednesday	1st	Remote Parents evening
Thursday	2nd	World Book Day
Thursday	2nd	Remote Parents Evening
Wednesday	8th	International Women's Day
Monday - Friday	13 th – 17 th	Science and Waste Week
Friday	17th	PTA Coffee Morning
Thursday	23rd	Skipton Castle year 2
Wednesday	29th	Blackpool Zoo Year 1 and Boost
Tuesday	21st	Reception Open Day
Thursday	23 rd	Nursery Stay and Play
Friday	24th	Air Raid Shelter Visit Year 6
Friday	24th	Wizard Learner Award
Friday	31st	School Closes for Easter

International Women's Day

We are looking forward to celebrating all our amazing Mum's, Grandparents and Aunties on International Women's Day which is going to be on Wednesday 8th March. Don't forget to let Mrs Higginbotham know if you are able to attend

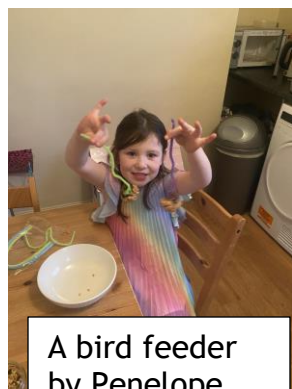
Nursery Class



This Half term the Nursery have explored Nursery Rhymes, enjoyed playing in the role-play hospital and celebrated the Lunar New Year. We have enjoyed copying repeating patterns and during money week took part in activities linked to the book 'The Great Pet Sale' and 'The Shopping Basket'

Reception

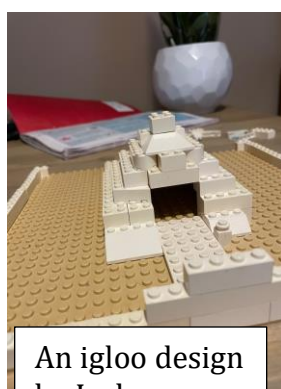
In Reception we have thoroughly enjoyed our theme 'Winter and Cold Habitats'. As part of this learning, we have found it fascinating learning about the different animals found within the Antarctic, and why that is their ideal home. The homework this half term has been outstanding, thank you for supporting the children with their learning at home too! It's such a shame we can't share videos as we have some incredible videos from lots of explorers in our class. They have been on expeditions through the Antarctic and Arctic that we'd love to share with you! Take a look at a little snap shot of the incredible homework - you should be so proud!



A bird feeder
by Penelope



Taylor's
Wildcard choice
exploring
patterns

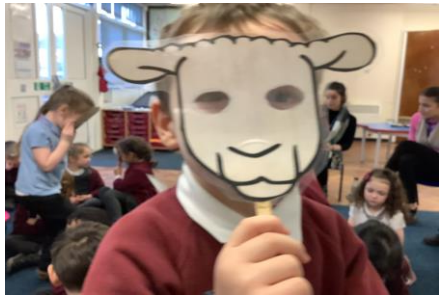


An igloo design
by Joshua



Photos from
Finlay's Winter
Walk

This half term we have also continued to explore different celebrations, this included Chinese New Year! We thoroughly loved learning about the different tradition's families follow during their Lunar New Year celebrations. We also learned about the Zodiac calendar and how this was created through the Great Race. Take a look at some of our learning!



Next half term is full of exciting learning, including visiting Fairy Tale Town at Z-Arts and holding an Easter Themed Forest School Workshop! We can't wait to get started and we hope you have a lovely half term break!
Take care,
The Reception Team

Year 1



Year 1 have been really busy this half term learning all about dinosaurs! We kicked off the topic investigating some frozen dinosaur eggs that ended up in our playground. The children found out that pouring cold water on frozen eggs thawed the ice quickest. They have been writing a non-fiction piece about dinosaurs including captions, labels and fun facts. Please keep sending in your wonderful homework.

We celebrated Chinese New Year: The year of the Rabbit by making paper rabbit lanterns and sharing some Chinese Fortune Cookies. We also enjoyed learning to sing 'Kung Hei Fat Choy' which is 'Happy New Year'.



We are looking forward to continuing our Dinosaur topic next term with a dinosaur workshop and trip to Blackpool Zoo.

Have a lovely break.

Year 1

Year 2

Throughout this half term we have been learning about lots of exciting things in our class. We have been reading a book called 'The Dragon Machine' in our English lessons, we had great fun designing our own dragons and then creating our own stories about adventures with dragons! In our topic work we have been very interested in learning about our monarchy, the Kings and Queens in the past right up to our new King Charles on the throne today. We have also looked at the features of castles and how these features helped protect the castles in a battle. The children have brought some fantastic topic work in to share and display in our classroom

Changing shape has been the focus in our Science lessons, we have enjoyed investigating how we can bend, twist, squish and stretch materials to change their shape – particularly when we made our own modelling dough and used these techniques to create our unique models.

The highlight of our half term has definitely been the forest school sessions! From building dens, to playing hide and seek, finding minibeasts and toasting marshmallows! The outside sessions have been brilliant, even if we did get very muddy sometimes.

Year 2 have also been enjoying taking part in Forest School this half term. They have taken part in lots of team building activities such as den making and dragon activities linked to our topic!



Year 3

In year 3 the children have had a busy half term. They have completed their own version of the traditional Cinderella story set in Ancient Egypt.

In our science lessons we have been learning about forces and magnets. We really enjoyed the practical investigations. We loved thinking about friction and making an experiment to test which surface created the most friction. We also tested a variety of magnets to see which was the strongest. We learned about the poles and we could all feel the force as the poles repelled each other.

Today (Friday) Mrs Lynch has been extremely impressed with all our work on personification in our English lesson. She said that we had worked extremely hard on writing our own sentences to include personification.

A great half term.
Well done year 3.

Year 4

The children in 4M have been enjoying performing in class. Our play is called *Don't Mess With Boudicca*. We are currently filming it and hope to have it finished before the half term break. The children are looking forward to designing a T-shirt which they can take home next Friday and we are getting ready to sow some seeds for the school gardens next week. Spring is approaching and we want to get some vegetables in the beds. If you have any kind donations for our gardens, please send them our way.

Year 5

Spring Term 1 has been a very busy time in Y5. We have really enjoyed learning all about Eastern Europe in our Kagan lessons and finding out about other Eastern European countries. We loved learning about different cultures and traditions, especially about Faberge eggs and Matryoshka dolls. We have been reading our class novel *Wolf Wilder* by Katherine Rundell, which is set in Russia and we are almost at the most significant part of the story, which is really exciting! Next half term, we are looking forward to starting our Grand Designs topic and finding out about famous buildings around the World. We are also looking forward to World Book Day and joining in lots of different activities.

Class 5T & Class 5L

Year 6

We have had another very busy half term in year 6! The children have been working incredibly hard and we are very proud of them.

We have been learning about WW2 as our topic. We have thought about what life was like for children during the war, how people stayed safe during bombing raids and food and rationing. As usual, the children have produced some fantastic pieces of homework which demonstrate their creativity. Our new class novel *Letters from the Lighthouse* is also set during the war and we have been gripped by the mysterious plot and love debating and discussing our theories about characters and the story.

Some of the children in year 6 have decided to raise money for the earthquake appeal in Turkey and Syria. They have planned a range of events to support this including a non-uniform day and a sponsored walk.

We have lots of exciting trips coming up next half term including a trip to the Bridgewater Hall to have an opera workshop and our much-anticipated trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter. World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. We are hoping to plan some creative activities for the children to take part in so could do with empty shoe boxes. If you have any spare empty shoe boxes at home, please bring them in to your child's class teacher.

Resource Base

The KS1 Resource Base have been enjoying the exploring the icy conditions. The children made their own balloons and filled them with water, we left these outside overnight to see what would happen. They loved trying to rescue their toys from the ice the next day!



Boost Class



The Boost group have started their new topic 'Amazon Rainforest' and have started learning what a rainforest is, where they are located and about the people and animals that live there. They have researched and created their own non-chronological reports about animals that live in the Amazon rainforest. They have also been creating artwork on this topic based on 'The last chance to paint' by artist John Dyer learning how they create the paint colours using plants. Our science topic this half term is parts of plants. The children have been out around school, looking at different plants and learning why each part is important to the plant. In music, the children have enjoyed using their bodies as musical instruments and working together to create a piece of music to resemble rainforest rain.



Attendance

The vast majority of our children are achieving our school attendance target of 97% or above which is fantastic. Below is a grid of the impact of having time off school has on children. Taking the odd day off if they are feeling unwell does have an impact not just on their attendance but also their future. Being in school every day also builds their resilience and sets in place good routines that they will need in the future. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year.
Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for college, university or work.
95%: 10 days absence a year.
These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and have opportunities for college, university or work, but could still improve their attendance!
90%: 19 days absence a year.
Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%: 29 days absence a year.
Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with work and they are unlikely to do their best.
80%: 38 days absence a year.
Young people in this group are missing a year of school over the five years of secondary education, it will be almost impossible to keep up with work.

Lates

Arriving on time for the school day is incredibly important. It not only ensures that your child has a positive start to the day but also means that they are ready to learn and can engage with all their learning. Arriving late every day means that they have to walk into class when everyone else is settled but also means they miss out on the input to the lesson which will then impact on their potential to understand what they are learning. We know that sometimes it is unavoidable being late due to traffic or unforeseen circumstances.

Being late just **5 minutes**, every day will equate to **2 hours and 5 mins** of lost learning time each week.

Being late **5 minutes**, every day will then equate to **12 hours and 30 mins** of lost learning time in a half term which equates to **2 whole school days** that they have missed by being late 5 minutes every day, which is a huge amount of time.

If you are having any difficulty in getting your child to school on time, please let me know and I'll do what I can to support you.

Mrs Higginbotham

Message from your Headteacher

Once again it's been a packed half term, full of learning and events in and out of school. I had the most amazing time at 'Young voices' with our school choir, they loved every minute of the event and gave 100% to all the singing, providing an amazing show for all the adults who came to the Young voices concert at the arena.

Forest schools has been a big part of the curriculum for many of our children this term, they have all really enjoyed learning outside and developing new skills.

As Spring approaches, we are looking at improving our school grounds, if you have any plants or seeds that you no longer need please feel free to donate them to school, we will make good use of them.

Our school pond is now also ready for some oxygenating plants, if you have any you can donate to us we will put them to good use.

I was so proud of our year 6 children coming to ask what school can do to support the people of Turkey and Syria at their time of need. They decided to have a non-uniform day for the whole school to raise funds and to also do a sponsored walk in the ½ term holidays, I know that the money we all raise will go towards helping people who have been left with nothing.

Thank you to all the parents who donated food and treats on Valentine's day to go to St Marys food bank, I know that they continue to do great work within our community supporting families.

The children had a great time at our PTA Valentines disco, a huge thanks to all the parents who came to help, we raised £322 for the PTA.

Have a great ½ term holiday

Mrs Cartledge