

Happy New Year and welcome to the KS1 Newsletter for the Spring term. We are excited to be starting a new year of fun and challenging learning with all the children in Jay, Dove and Magpie classes.

Who's who?

Magpie Class: Mrs Henderson & Mrs Norman

Dove Class – Mrs Lewis

Jay Class – Miss Marsh

The teaching assistants supporting learning within Key Stage One are Mrs Sefton and Miss Williams.

We are here to help – please just ask!

PE

PE days will be as follows....

Magpie – Wednesday & Friday

Dove – Monday & Friday

Jay – Tuesday & Friday

Please note the change to PE days for Jay and Dove classes. Children should come to school in PE kit and stay in it all day. Please ensure any earrings are removed.

Reading...

All children will receive a reading book and diary. Children are encouraged to read at home every day with adult support. It is very beneficial for children to reread the same book to develop fluency and confidence. Books will be changed weekly. Please write in your child's reading diary every time they read.

Times Table Rock Stars

Learning times tables provides an invaluable skill for life. Please support your child by encouraging them to spend time on Times Table Rock Stars every week. A certificate is awarded in our weekly celebration assembly to the Key Stage 1 child who has spent the most time practising their times tables.




Healthy Snacks

All children in Year 1 and Year 2 receive a healthy snack in school during morning break time, such as apples, bananas and carrots. In addition, your child can bring a healthy snack to school to be had at morning break. Examples of a healthy snack are a piece of fruit, carrot sticks or cereal bars. If you are unsure please ask.

Uniform

All children should be in the correct uniform every day. On PE days, children should wear **Birklands PE kit** and are not allowed to wear alternative clothing. **PLEASE** mark your child's name in their clothing – we end up with numerous jumpers which go unclaimed. A name on the tag easily prevents this.



“Children are made readers in the laps of their parents.”

–Emilie Buchwald

Children who read at home for just 10 minutes a day make great progress. Your child is at a crucial stage in their journey to becoming a reader. Please read with them.

100 books – HELP!

We are currently missing dozens of books which were loaned to children as part of our '100 books to read' scheme. We urgently need any books sending back into school. Please look around at home to see if you can find any that have not been returned and send back ASAP!



Y1 & 2 Overview of learning

Spring One

Here is an overview of our Learning Objectives for this half term. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Henderson, Mrs Norman, Mrs Lewis or Miss Marsh.

Maths:

Year 1: building on the learning from the Autumn Term, Year 1 will initially focus on place value to 20. We will then apply our prior learning on addition and subtraction to numbers up to 20.

Year 2: We start the term by exploring the value of coins and notes in our money topic, and develop our understanding of addition and subtraction within the context of money. We will then move onto multiplication and division.

As always, the learning in Year 2 builds upon prior learning in Year 1.

English

Our English books link closely to our topics. This half term, we will be focussing on 'Katie Morag: Island Stories', linking to our continuing geography topic- The UK: What an amazing place to live. We will be using this book to write a quality setting description. We will then explore 'The Squirrels who Squabbled'. This book will link to our science topic, 'Animals including humans'.



Science: Animals including humans.

During this topic, we will build on from our learning from Autumn two. We will be exploring senses, body parts and human and animal lifecycles. Children will explore this science topic practically, developing their own questions and answering them along the way. During our science learning, we will also be exploring key scientists linked to this area of science.



Geography:

In the Spring term we are building on our Autumn term learning on our topic "The UK: What an Amazing place to live". We will develop our understanding of the UK's coastline and surrounding seas and learning all about maps.



We are excited to be planning a trip to Sherwood Forest which will link to our map skills as we try out orienteering. Further details to follow!

Art:

Our art topic for this half term is linked to Science: Animals Including Humans.



We will explore sculpture and learn about the work of Henry Moore.

We will practise modelling skills, working towards creating our own art work: a sculpture of an animal.

PE:

This half term, we will be working on developing our core strength and agility. We will also be working on skipping in order to improve balance and coordination. All learning in PE will build on the learning that children have previously covered in PE.



