

We hope you have had a restful break for the Easter holidays. We are ready for our final term of the school year with lots of exciting learning planned. We are also happy to welcome Miss Scrivener who is Magpie Class Teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Who's who?

Magpie Class: Miss Scrivener & Mrs Norman

Dove Class – Mrs Lewis

Jay Class – Miss Marsh

The teaching assistants supporting learning within Key Stage One are Miss Taylor 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

Children should come to school in PE kit and stay in it all day. Please ensure any earrings are removed.

Reading

Please listen to your children read at home at least 5 times a week and record in their reading diary. 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 and send it into school every day.

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.



King Charles III Coronation Celebrations



On Friday 5th May, you are warmly invited to join us on the playground from 10.30-11.30am for our Coronation performance and to share a picnic snack with your children. More details can be found in the letter shared via the school website.

Uniform

PLEASE mark your child's name in their clothing. On PE days, children should wear **Birklands PE kit**, not alternative clothing.

Healthy Snacks

All children in KS1 receive a healthy snack during the morning. Your child may also bring a healthy snack from home to have at morning break, if you wish.

Warsop Library Visits

We are excited to be visiting Warsop library again during the summer term. Please remember to send in your child's library card on the day of the visit and let your child's teacher know if you can join us.

Magpie: Friday 19th May

Dove: Friday 26th May

Jay: Friday 9th June

100 books

We have now issued every child with their "100 book". Please take some time to share this with your child – using it as a bedtime story is ideal! When your child has returned their 100 book they will be able to choose another to take home and enjoy!





Y1 & 2 Overview of learning

Summer One

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

Maths:

Year 1: We have started the term by continuing measurement and learning about capacity and volume. We will then move onto multiplication and division before moving on to explore fractions. To finish the half term we will cover Geometry: position and direction.

Year 2: As always, the learning in Year 2 builds upon prior learning in Year 1. The first unit we are covering is fractions. We will then move on to telling the time, before learning about statistics. The final unit of the year will be position and direction.

English:

We will be developing our reading and writing skills through texts linked to our topics beginning with 'The Keeping Quilt'.

Y1: consolidating our understanding of punctuation including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We will be practising spelling rules for adding the prefixes and suffixes (un/ s/ es/ ing/ ed/ er/ est) and joining clauses in sentences using 'and'.

Y2: our punctuation focus will be using commas in lists. We will develop our understanding of suffixes (ing/ ed/ er/ est) to the end of words where the root word changes (e.g. make – making) and using the suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly to spell longer words. We will learn about further homophones (e.g. new/knew) and use a range of conjunctions to join clauses.

Science:

We will be learning about the seasonal changes from Spring to Summer this half term, thinking about what happens to the day length, the weather and the trees. We will then learn about living things and their habitats. We will think about where different animals live and the reasons they are adapted to their habitat. We will also learn about food chains and what animals need to survive.

RE:



We are learning about symbols in Christianity and Judaism. We will look into churches and synagogues, and also explore the idea that we can feel spiritual in outdoor places that are not religious. We are comparing Christian and Jewish weddings. We will think about what worship is and how music is an important part of worship to Christians and Jewish people.

PSHE:

This half term our PSHE topic is "Healthy Me". We will think about how to stay motivated to be healthy and how relaxation helps our mental health. We will also consider safety around medicines and how to make healthy choices with our food.



PE:

This half term, we will be further developing our skills in skipping in order to improve balance and coordination. We will also be "mighty movers" by working on our running technique and building our stamina in circuits. All learning in PE will build on the learning that children have previously covered in PE.

