



Dove Class - Autumn newsletter



WELCOME BACK! We are excited to be starting a new academic year of fun and challenging learning with all the children in Jay, Dove and Magpie classes.

We are excited to be working with The Sycamores Care Home this year. Dove class will be visiting the residents at The Sycamores Care Home every other Monday afternoon for the Autumn term. During their visits, children will read with the residents as well as take part in other activities. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for our children to have the chance to support others in our community as well as develop skills such as empathy and kindness.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with you!



PE

This term pupils will have PE sessions on a **Thursday and Friday**. Please ensure pupils arrive in their PE kit on these days, this includes: a plain white or burgundy t-shirt, black bottoms and trainers/ pumps. Pupils can wear their school fleece or jumper on PE days.



Times Tables

It is vital that pupils have a secure knowledge of multiplication facts, we therefore strongly encourage children to practise their times tables at home. This can be done on 'Times Table Rockstars' (log in details are in reading diaries at the back).



Home Learning

During the first week back, your child will be issued a reading book, a reading diary and a timetables login. As part of our homework in KS1, we would like children to read **five** times a week.



Reading

It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their vocabulary, fluency skills and writing. It is expected that pupils read at home at least **five** times a week, this needs to be recorded in their reading diary (either by the pupil or an adult).

Pupils will be given a phonics targeted book, which is pitched to their reading ability, and will progress through these phases as their fluency develops. Pupils should bring their reading diaries into school each day. We want to foster a love of reading in our school, so reading with your child for pleasure is also an important part of home learning. To support this, pupils will also bring home a book from our '100 books to read by the end of Y2' initiative. The books have been carefully selected to represent an exciting range of authors, genres and time periods. These will be handed out over the Autumn term.

Please turn over for more notices, dates & an overview of learning in Autumn term.





Clothing -Please mark any clothing with your child's name to prevent uniform going missing.

Milk-Every child is entitled to milk each day at a subsidised price of around £20 a term. They must be registered in order to receive milk. You can register and pay online at www.coolmilk.com.

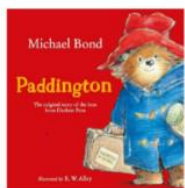


- **Meet the teacher-**
Wednesday 4th September (3.15pm)
- **Bring your grown up to school-**
Magpie- Monday 9th December at 2:15pm
Jay- Tuesday 10th December at 2:15pm
Dove- Wednesday 11th December at 2:15pm
- **Y1 phonics meeting for parents**
Tuesday 24th September at 2:30pm
- **KS1 nativity**
Tuesday 3rd December at 9:30am
Wednesday 4th December at 1:30pm
- **Library visit**
Friday 18th October

Overview of learning- Autumn Term

English - Our learning in reading and writing centres around texts that link to our geography and history topics.

Autumn 1:



Autumn 2:



Maths- During the first half term, we will spend the majority of the learning time focused on place value. As the term progresses, we will then move on to learning about addition and subtraction and finally shape.

Topic - Autumn 1: Geography and RE

Autumn 2: Science and RE

Why is the UK an amazing place to live?



Myself and caring for others



Animals including humans
Seasonal changes



Celebrations and festivals



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. We will be on the playground at the start and end of each school day. You can also contact us on the 'My Child at School' app, or email me at jhenderson@birklandsschool.co.uk (Monday-Wednesday) and dscrivener@birklandsschool.co.uk (Wednesday-Friday).

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout this year.

Mrs Henderson and Miss Scrivener