



# Dove Class - Autumn newsletter

**WELCOME BACK!** We have had an excellent start to Autumn Term and are excited to continue our fun and challenging learning in Dove Class.

## PE

This term, children will have PE sessions on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. 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 the back of reading diaries).



## Reading

Please read with your child at home at least **five** times a week and record this in your child's reading diary. It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their vocabulary, fluency and writing.

Each child has been given a targeted book which is pitched to their reading ability. Children will progress through these phases as their fluency develops. Please ensure that reading diaries are brought into school each day.

At Birklands, we follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Here is the link for the parent webpage where you will find useful videos and resources.

<http://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

## 100 books

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 read this with your child and return each week for a new book.



**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 £14 a term. They must be registered in order to receive milk. You can register and pay online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

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

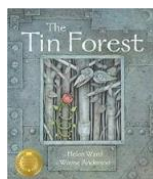
- **Harvest Festival**
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9:30am
- **Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents**  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2:40pm
- **Parents Evening**  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>/Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- **Halloween Disco**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- **KS1 nativity**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm

Save  
the  
Date!

## Overview of learning- Autumn Term

**English** – Our learning in reading and writing centres around texts that link to our Science and History topics.

### Autumn 1:



### Autumn 2:



**Maths** – During this half-term, we are focusing on place value. As the term progresses, we will be learning about addition and subtraction.

### **Topic – Autumn 1: Science**

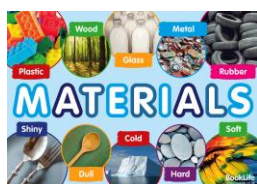
Everyday  
materials

PSHE  
Families and  
relationships

RE  
What does  
it mean to  
belong?

How will Elizabeth  
II be  
remembered?

PSHE  
Health and  
well-being



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Please see Miss Fox's email below  
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**Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout this year.**

**Ks1 Team**