



# Jay Class - Autumn newsletter

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

## PE

This term pupils will have PE sessions on a **Monday 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 will be 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 phonic 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.



**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.**

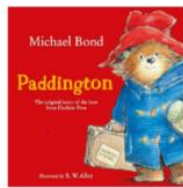


- **Bring your grown up to school-**  
Magpie- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm  
Jay- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm  
Dove- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm
- **Y1 phonics meeting for parents**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm
- **KS1 nativity**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9:30am  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm
- **Library visit**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 [clouds@birklandsschool.co.uk](mailto:clouds@birklandsschool.co.uk)

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

**Miss Lounds and Miss Ward**