



# Woodpecker Class



WELCOME TO A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

I cannot wait to begin my adventure with Woodpecker class. We have an exciting year in store, and we will be diving into lots of new learning.

## 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).



In June, **year 4 pupils** will complete a statutory multiplication check focusing on speedy recall of all times tables facts.

## Home Learning



Maths and English homework will be sent out every Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. Homework will link to our learning each week so it is important that children return their homework on time to ensure they are prepared for new learning. This will start on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## 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, and this needs to be recorded in their reading diary (either by the pupil or an adult). Pupils will be given a banded book, which is pitched to their reading ability, and will progress through these bands 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. To help achieve this, pupils will also bring home a book from our '100 books to read by the end of Y4' initiative. The books have been carefully selected to represent an exciting range of authors, genres and time periods.



## Spellings

**sounds & syllables**

Each week, pupils will bring home a spelling pattern or rule linked to their learning in school, and will be encouraged to find and practise words that use their rule/ pattern at home. Pupils take part in daily spelling sessions based on the 'Sounds & Syllables' programme, and will take a quiz on a Friday. This will start once pupils have been organised into spelling groups in school.

## PE

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



**Year 3** will be taking part in five exciting workshops with the Royal Ballet School. These sessions will take place on Tuesdays (starting on 17/9/24).

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





**Website**- The Birklands school website needs updating which means the current class names and year groups are incorrect. This should be resolved ASAP, and you will then find information on the relevant class page.

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

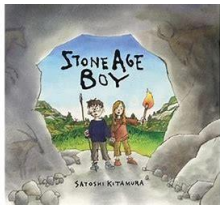


- **School photos**- Friday 20th September
- **Harvest Festival**- 3<sup>rd</sup> October (9.45am at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church)
- **Y3 to ballet demonstration Manor School**- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October
- **Bring your grown up to school** - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 2.15pm
- **Flu Immunisations** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- **Christmas Fair**- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christmas Service** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December (9.45am at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church)

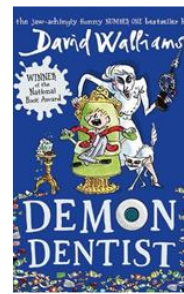
## Overview of learning- Autumn Term

**English** – Our learning in reading and writing centres around texts that link to our history topic this term.

### Autumn 1



### Autumn 2:



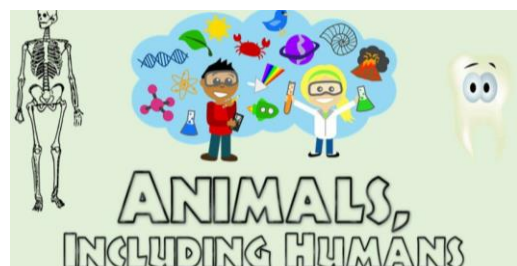
**Maths**- In Autumn 1, our learning will focus on Place Value as this is the foundation for pupil's developing an understanding of the number system. Pupils will then learn a range of mental and written addition and subtraction methods.

**Topic-**

### Autumn 1: History



### Autumn 2: Science



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask, I will be on the playground at the start and end of each school day. You can also contact me on [jfox@birklandschool.co.uk](mailto:jfox@birklandschool.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to catching up with you throughout this year.  
**Miss Fox**