



# Dove Class - Summer newsletter



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We have an exciting term in store, and we will be diving into lots of new learning.



We are incredibly excited to be performing, 'Peter Pan: The Musical' this half term! All of our lower key stage two children are going to be working hard acting, dancing and singing and we cannot wait to share the performance with you. Children who wanted speaking parts auditioned before half term and have been given their parts and scripts in preparation for the performance. The performances will take place at Birklands on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 1:30pm and on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 4:30pm. More details will follow regarding tickets and costumes in the coming weeks.

## 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. Where possible, please all jewellery has been removed before school.



## Home Learning



Maths and English homework will be sent out every Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. Pupils are expected to take the same care with their presentation in homework books as they do with school exercise books.

## 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). Pupils take weekly times table tests to earn badges as they become more fluent.



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

## Spellings sounds & syllables

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

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



## Reading

Pupils read daily in school, and it is essential that they 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). I encourage pupils to write in their own diaries to develop their independence.





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

**Jewellery**-Please note, the only jewellery permitted in school are one pair of stud earrings and a watch.

**Peter Pan-**

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 1:30pm and on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 4:30pm.

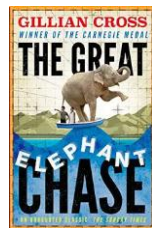
**Bring your grown up to school-**

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June (2pm)

**Overview of learning- Summer Term**

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

**Summer 1: writing to entertain**



**Summer 2: writing to inform**

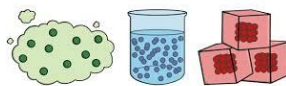


**Maths**– This term we will focus on developing our knowledge of money, time, mass and capacity, decimals, shape, position and direction and statistics.

**Topic- Summer 1: Geography and science**



The USA: how do varying landscapes affect human activity?



States of matter.

**Summer 2: History**



How have The Windrush Generation impacted society?

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 us at [jhenderson@birklandschool.co.uk](mailto:jhenderson@birklandschool.co.uk) and [llewis@birklandschool.co.uk](mailto:llewis@birklandschool.co.uk)

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

**Mrs Henderson and Mrs Lewis**