



YEAR 3 & 4 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2025

Welcome back to another exciting term. We have lots of fun learning activities planned and look forward to working with you to help all Birklands' children to develop new skills and knowledge.

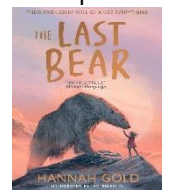
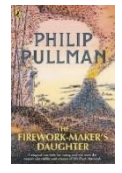
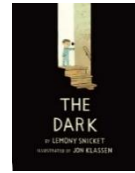
Mrs Allen Mr Patten Mrs Lewis

Here is an overview of our curriculum for this term.

Maths: Year 3 pupils will work with 3-digit numbers and Year 4 pupils will work with 4-digit numbers. Pupils will learn to read, write, estimate and compare numbers. They will learn to partition numbers and find different ways represent them. They will learn to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. They will then apply their place value knowledge to addition and subtraction, where formal, written methods will be taught.



English: Our English texts link to the learning in science this first half term. We will be developing our retrieval and inference reading skills and writing in role. We will also develop our descriptive vocabulary by writing a setting description of the Fire-Fiend's Grotto. Then we will be reading 'The Last Bear' and developing persuasive writing skills to write a letter about the devastation happening to animal habitats.



Science/ History/ Geography

Our topics this year begin with science. Over the first half term we will be learning about the uses of electricity and light. This will involve learning about how to create a simple circuit and to investigate what makes a good conductor/insulator. We will also look at how light is used to see objects and to discover how to manipulate objects to create shadows.

After half term, our focus will shift to Geography and will be investigating the issue of animal conservation. Children will learn to understand why certain species of animal are in danger of going extinct, with factors both natural and man-made. They will also investigate the measures that are being used to protect different species from disappearing.

Other Curriculum Areas:

Spanish: We will be learning how to greet people in Spanish, as well as vocabulary for numbers, shapes and colours.

PE: This half term we will be developing our fundamental skills of balance, agility and movement as well as increasing our stamina, speed, strength and coordination in our unit on fitness.

RE: Our unit poses the question *How do people express their religious and spiritual ideas on pilgrimages?* We will learn what a pilgrimage is and the significance it has. This will be linked with reflection on our own lives and significant milestones so far.



Diary Dates:

19/09/25: Woodpecker Library visit
26/09/25: Kittiwake Library visit
01/10/25: Harvest Festival at Church
03/10/25: Nova Trust Inset Day
21-22/10/25: Parents' Evening
23/10/25: Hallowe'en Disco
26/11/25: Birklands Christmas Fair

Homework: Homework is given out weekly on Thursdays, to be handed in on Tuesdays. There is also a school-wide expectation that children will read at home every night, either to an adult or independently.

Y4 Residential: The Y4 residential trip to The Mill will take place on 8/9th June 2026. Please note the deadline for confirmation of your child's place and payment of deposits is 26.9.25.

Spelling: Each week we focus on a different spelling pattern. Your child will stick their spelling list in their reading diary and should practise the spelling pattern at home. Further information about how we teach spelling and ways to support with this at home can be found by following the link sent by text earlier this term.

PE Days

Siskin	Wednesday Friday
Woodpecker	Tuesday Friday
Kittiwake	Thursday Friday