

# Birkwood Primary Year 4 Newsletter

## AUTUMN TERM 2011

Dear Parents

It has been lovely to welcome you and your children to Year 4.

Below is a summary of information and also the areas we intend to cover this term:

### **Topic**

Our topic for this term is The Local Environment. This will involve learning skills in geography, map making etc, directions in maths, the history of the local area, looking after the environment, to name but a few. It should be an exciting topic!

### **Mathematics**

We will cover a broad range of topics and concepts every term concentrating especially on calculations. We will be adding and subtracting numbers with 2 digits mentally, and numbers with 3 digits using written column methods. We will also be solving problems involving multiplication or division.

### **English**

We will be making links between our topic, the Local Environment, as much as possible this term. We will also be concentrating on sentence construction, using a joined up handwriting style and spelling rules.

### **Music**

A big welcome back to Mr Keith Ramskill, who will be returning to Class 4 to teach us all Samba drumming skills. This was a great success two years ago and is a great opportunity to learn about the origins of Samba, as well as lots of rhythm work.

### **PE**

Our focus for this term is gymnastics and dance, and lessons take place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Could you make sure that the children have their PE kit on these days please, thank you.

### **Homework**

#### **Reading**

At school, as part of our guided reading sessions, children regularly read and discuss a broad range of texts. The children choose a home reading book on Fridays which can be kept at home until it is changed on the following Friday. Please encourage your child to read regularly and share the book by discussing the text with them.

#### **Spelling**

I will send home a list of new spellings on Fridays. There will be a 'quiz' on the following Friday!

#### **Maths**

Quick recall of times tables helps children in all aspects of maths; this can only be achieved by regular practice. Please support your child in learning all their tables to 10.

As you can see it is a busy term, and I am sure we can rely on your support throughout the year. If you have any worries or concerns please call in and make an appointment for us to meet and discuss them.

With best wishes,

Mrs Sheila Winwood, Year 4 Class Teacher  
Mr Peter Fielding, Teaching Assistant

