

Birkwood Primary School

YEAR 4 WOODPECKERS NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a really lovely Easter, although we missed the children! We are all set for another amazing term at Birkwood. As you can imagine, the calendar is packed full and we have lots of exciting things that we cannot wait to start.

Literacy/History

We will be closely linking our work in literacy with our **Ancient Greek** topic. We will begin our literacy work with background research of life as an Ancient Greek to allow us to create an explanation text. Then, we will be drawing on a range of different myths and legends and writing our own.

Once this is completed, we are going to look at the key features of a play script and link these features with a popular Greek story and write our own to be performed.

The final part of the year, we are creating a link between Science and Literacy as we look at instructions for healthy meal options and persuasive letters to the Government to promote a healthier lifestyle.

There will also be a specific focus on the development of more spellings related to topic, punctuation and grammar.

Spellings will be given on Tuesdays and tested on Fridays.

Mathematics

We are going to begin the term by revisiting place value and moving on to working with numbers up to 1,000,000. We will read, write, compare and order these numbers before moving towards the ordering of fractions. After, we are going to look at combining all of our fundamental skills learnt over the year and applying them to solving problems. These will begin with 1 step and then develop into multi-step problems covering all areas of the curriculum.

Finally, we are going to focus on statistics and measure. We will look to link these to problem solving activities. This will also include the conversion of imperial measures, money and time.

As before, we will allow the children to apply their learning to real life scenarios and become 'masters' of mathematics.

ICT

The children will use the internet to create a platform for their written work. They are to become website designers through creating their own class blog. They will research the features of a good blog, comment on a range of different blogs and then plan for their own.

Art/Design Technology

We will start with an art and design focus on Greek pottery and jewellery. This will offer us the chance to use iPads to create 3D models of Greek pots. From there, we will use clay and create/ paint a real life replica. In addition to this, we will continue to develop pattern and print methods using pastels and paints. Finally, we will look to recreate a famous scene from the Medusa story by using watercolour.

PE

Class	Dance Lesson (Mrs. Porter)	PE Lesson (Mr. Wattam)
Mrs. Cooke	Monday	Tuesday

Our focus for this half term is Rounders - please make sure your child has the correct kit – thank you. In addition to this, the children will work on recreating Ancient Greek dancing.

Key Dates:

- Tuesday 21st May – School Disco
- Thursday 23rd May – Birkwood’s Got Talent
- Monday 3rd June – Inset Day (School will be closed on this day)
- Friday 7th June – Class trip to Harry Potter World
- Friday 14th June – Sponsored Walk at Dorothy Hyman
- Wednesday 19th June – Pentathlon
- Friday 21st June – Flamingo Land Trip for the winning House
- 24th – 28th June – Creative Arts Week (India)
- Tuesday 3rd July – Moving up morning
- Friday 6th July – Summer Fayre
- Monday 16th July – Sports Day at Dorothy Hyman
- Friday 20th July – End of year Celebration Assembly

As you can see, it is a very busy time ahead. We feel sure that we can rely on your continued support. However, if you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to call in and arrange a mutually convenient time for us to meet.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Cooke (Class Teacher)

Mrs Julie Porter (Cover supervisor)