

# Birkacre News

Autumn 1



Hope you had a lovely Summer break!

A very warm welcome to Birkacre Class (Year 4). Over the next week the children will be familiarising themselves with the rules and routines of Birkacre class. We will also be finding out a little bit more about each other! This week we will revisit some basic English and Maths from Year 3 to ease the children back into school after the summer break. Next week, year 4 work begins!

This half term in Birkacre class we are exploring the topic of 'A night at the Movies' through the book *The Hobbit*. We are going to find out about J.R.R. Tolkien and what life in Britain was like at the time he wrote the *Hobbit*. We are going to write Riddles, Character descriptions, diaries and journals, as well as writing our own story about a journey and adventure. Through different media we will make and create woodland creatures. We will become familiar with our new maths scheme – Maths, No problem. The Autumn term begins with exploration of number, counting and place value.

Check out the Birkacre Blog on the school website at [stjosephschorley.co.uk](http://stjosephschorley.co.uk)

## Reading

Please hear your child read each day. I know sometimes this is difficult with work and the children's after school activities but it is so important for their comprehension and also their writing. Their use of vocabulary and ideas for writing come from reading. Any book is fine to read just make a note of it in their record book. Try to change their school reading book at least once a week.

Rewards  
Star of the day  
Table of the week

In Birkacre your child will need to bring the following into school:  
Reading book and Record **every day**.  
PE kit for Thursday and Friday