

# Birkacre News



Hope you had a lovely Summer break!



A very warm welcome to Birkacre Class ( Year 4). The children have settled in well and have been familiarising themselves with the rules and routines of Birkacre class. Already we have revisited some basic English and Maths from Year 3 to ease the children back into school after the summer break. This week year 4 work begins! Homework sent home will be spellings, reading and maths.



This half term in Birkacre class we are exploring the topic 'Into the Woods' through the book of the same name. Through different media we will make and create woodland creatures and write stories about them. We are linking our topic to our science where we will discover more about our environment and the creatures that live there. The woodland trust will be a source of information as we explore how many woods there are in England and why we should protect them. In Maths the children will be counting in different steps, understanding the number system and the role of place value.

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

## Rewards

Star of the day  
Table of the week  
Reader of the week

## 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. If your child reads each day over a week they win a reader of the week prize!

In Birkacre your child will need to bring the following into school:

Reading book and Record **every day.**  
PE kit for Monday and Thursday