



Birch ClassNews

Welcome back to the final half term of the year in Birch Class. We hope that you all enjoyed your holiday and that you are ready for another busy few weeks. We can't believe that this is the final half term of the year and we only have a few weeks left before the summer break! The year has whizzed by and we are determined to make the most of our last few weeks and finish the year in style. We look forward to seeing you at our **Year One assembly on Tuesday 25th June**. The children should have brought home any lines they have to learn before the holiday and your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

We have an exciting new History based topic "Who was Grace Darling?" This is a great chance to find out more about Grace Darling and her heroic efforts in our region, including her influence on today's RNLI. More details about this topic can be found with the attached curriculum information.



Please make sure your child has their books in school **everyday**, for our daily reading time. Little and often is key to good reading progress. Even a few minutes a day will make a big difference. Asking your child questions about their reading book is also invaluable and it is a good way of checking that they are understanding what they have read.



A LITTLE REMINDER

As well as PE, we have lots of other outdoor activities planned for the next few weeks. Please ensure that your child always has a coat with them, even if it is sunny in the morning. The weather seems particularly changeable at the moment.



PE

Our PE days this half term will be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. We will be focusing on **Fundamental Movement and Team Games** (Passing a ball and using space), alongside our **Athletics Skills** of running, jumping and throwing. We will be making use of both the running track and the MUGA, so we are hoping that the summer will finally kick in and give us some decent outdoor weather!



The photos below are a snapshot from last term. Please follow us on X to see more photos like these. We are @BirchclassHFS



Well done to everyone who took part in this year's Children's Cancer Run. We are super-proud of everyone who took part. Keeping fit and active is a vital part of our PE curriculum. We will be continuing to enjoy our daily run and movement breaks to keep our bodies moving and help with our fitness, concentration and resilience. **Another date for your diary is our Year One Sports Afternoon on Monday 17th June.** This takes place during National Sports week when there will be various opportunities for the children to enjoy sporting activities.

It is a busy start to the term in Year one, with the phonics screen to complete. The children have worked hard in phonics and we are proud of them all. You should have received information about this, but if you have any questions about any of this information then please get in touch, in person, via email or telephone.

Many Thanks

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