

## Birkrigg curriculum overview for Spring 2 '18

### Literacy

We start our half term looking at Sue Hendra's Supertato books and move on to other Superhero characters. We will then read and learn some Spring / New Life poems and write some of our own. We end the half term with Rosie's Walk and the Easter story.

In Phonics we are starting Phase 4. More information will follow on the content of this phase and how you can support your child at home.

### Numeracy

We are focussing on numbers to 20, to 100 and even looking at really big numbers up to 1000!

Our topics include money (recognising coins, making amounts and totals); measuring weight, length and capacity and re-visiting time and direction.

### Science

As part of our Superhero topic we will be investigating our senses- taste, sight, hearing, smell and touch.

We will also be looking at the signs of Spring in our immediate environment and monitoring the development and growth of the Birkrigg tadpoles which arrive this week.

### RE

We are continuing learning about the stories Jesus told such as The Prodigal Son before introducing elements of the Easter story such as Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and the resurrection of Jesus. As part of our 'New Life' topic we will look at how we can care for God's world.

### Personal, Social and Emotional development

In our Circle Time this half term we are continuing with our Rights Respecting Schools curriculum; finding out about every child's basic rights (food, shelter, clean water, care) through the UNICEF book 'For Every Child'.

### Computing

Children will use Fresco and Paint to learn about different artists, and then use the different tools on the painting programmes to produce their own pieces of art.

### Global Education

In our Global Education this term we are going to meet an alien called Zogg. Zogg will help us to think about our own environment, and then to think about a contrasting one in Africa. Towards the end of the term we are going to think about sustainable fruit growing and meet Pablo the Super Banana. He will help us to learn about how bananas are grown in tropical countries and shipped to the UK.

### Physical Education

In Games we are continuing working on sending and receiving skills with large and small apparatus including balls, quoits and beanbags.

Gym work this half term is based on using our bodies to make different shapes, then link them together to make a sequence. Gym sessions will be led by Shona Hartley, a secondary teacher at UVHS who has been working with different classes throughout school.

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, along with pumps that fit.

Mrs O'Neill will do Birkrigg Dance sessions on a Friday.

### Design Technology

Shelter is one of the Rights of children we study in our Circle Time. Children will have opportunities to practice their cutting and joining skills when designing, planning and making their own shelters.

We are going to begin some sewing and collage work this term.

### Things to Remember:

- Birkrigg Library day is Wednesday. Please ensure children have their library book in their reading folder. We are continuing with stickers for each time children read at home. Books are changed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please remember to sign reading records.
- Toast Money for this half term should you wish to pay in advance is £1.50
- World Book Day at Church Walk is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and children may dress up as any book character for the day.
- Our first mini topic is Superheroes and I have asked children to bring in their Superhero figures and books next week (Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February). Please write names on books and initials on figures as lots of Birkrigg seem to be interested in the same Superhero programmes. If children have dressing up outfits linked to Superheroes they are invited to bring them in next week too, when Percy's Hut becomes Birkrigg Superhero Control Centre.