

## **Birkrigg – Summer 2**

Welcome back to a new half term. Our topic this half term is Holidays and of course we will all be going on a day trip together on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Literacy**

We continue to teach Phonics daily and will cover the final part of the Reception Phase 4 Phonics. The children will still read three times weekly in a small group using the Phonics scheme reading books. We will carry on changing home reading books twice a week. However, this half term there will be a change of days. I will change reading books on a Monday and a Thursday. Please comment in your child's reading journal if you have heard your child read. Rereading a reading book will improve your child's fluency and confidence. Mrs Rigg will continue to change school library books on a Tuesday and the children can keep them for a week, bringing them back to school the following Tuesday. These are books for you to read to your child.

The texts we will use this half term include 'What the Ladybird heard on Holiday', 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane'. Lots of opportunities are provided to talk about these stories, make predictions and ask questions. We will look at words to describe places, make our own passport and write postcards, among other writing activities.

### **Maths**

As well as consolidating our key number skills, we are going to extend our knowledge of doubling numbers, sharing and grouping, and recognising odd and even numbers. We will also work on some spatial reasoning activities such as following simple maps of obstacle courses and looking at photographs of familiar things that have been taken from unusual viewpoints.

### **Understanding the World**

In our science work we are going to find out about ladybirds and snails. We will think about seasonal changes as Spring turns into Summer. We are also going to find out about some of the animals that live in Australia.

In History, we will compare seaside holidays past and present and how transport to go on holiday has changed.

In Geography we will talk about what a holiday is – both being at home during a school holiday and going away somewhere on holiday. We will locate some of the cities that are visited in one of our stories 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' and have a closer look at Sydney and Australia.

### **RE**

Our topic this half term is 'What makes a good friend?' We will think about our friends and famous characters who show examples of friendship. We will then think about Jesus and his disciples and read some of the stories showing their friendship, including Calming the Storm and Jesus and the Fishermen

### **PSE**

We are going to continue to think about keeping healthy in terms of eating healthily and we will make some fun healthy snacks. We will talk about how we can stay safe in the sun, and we will start to think about the transition from Reception into Year 1.

## **Music**

Miss Hayter will teach Music on a Tuesday afternoon. This half term the unit is called 'Reflect, rewind and replay'.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

We are hoping to explore and create various arts and crafts relating to ladybirds and snails. We might make and decorate our own paper aeroplanes – and of course have a go at flying them!

## **Computing**

There will be new activities on Mini-Mash linked to the seaside and summer. Children will have more opportunities to write using the writing templates for instance writing a list and a postcard.

## **PE**

The children will continue to have PE twice a week.

As usual when the weather allows, we will use the bikes and scooters on the school playground and visit the field where possible.

Please remember to send your child with a coat, particularly if the weather is cool or looks showery, as we do go outside at playtimes when it is raining.

If you have any further questions, please ask.

Miss Turner