



# Welcome to the Brilliant Birch Class!

What a fantastic half term we have had already! I would like to thank everybody who attended our History open afternoon; the children really enjoyed having the opportunity to explore the different toys. Thank you also to the parents who supported us with our trip to Church, it was a very informative and engaging way to find out about a Baptism. We have a very exciting half term planned as we prepare for Christmas and our Nativity. We look forward to sharing this with you. Miss Hutchinson

# What we are learning ...

#### Topic: All creatures great and small....

This half term we will be learning all about animals. We will be exploring the texts 'The Gruffalo' and 'Owl babies', as well as learning about the local area and the animals that we might find within it.

If you have visited another country over the holidays we would love to have a photograph for our display.

#### Phonics and English

Reception- This term we will be segmenting and blending the sounds in words and writing our own words and short sentences,

Year I will be writing sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, using the conjunctions 'and', 'but' and 'because'. We will write instructions, letters and our own stories.

#### Maths

This half term we will be exploring addition and subtraction, naming and describing 3D and 2D shapes and writing number names to 20. Please look out for the weekly homework to support your child in accessing this learning at home in exciting and engaging ways.

# November 2019

## Our values

This half term at Kirk Fenton Primary School we are focussing on the value....

## Thankfulness

## Dates for your diary...

We are looking forward to sharing our Nativity with you! This year we will be working with Acorns and Willow. There will be two performances-

#### Thursday 5. December 2pm Friday 6. December 10am

If you are able to help with our Christmas Craft Day on Friday 20- December, please get in touch with a member of staff.

## Reminders....

The school day is **8:50-3:10pm**. Please ensure that you arrive promptly as we will be completing the register by 8:55am. Children arriving after this time will be asked to sign in at the front of the school.

Please do not allow your child to bring any toys from home into school.

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day, this should consist of a white t-shirt, red shorts and pumps.

Book bags should be in school every day. If books have not been returned on changing day, a new book will not be given until the following week.

A change of clothes on your child's peg is useful as we do love to explore water in our fantastic new outdoor area.

We encourage children to bring their own water bottles into school to ensure that they stay hydrated throughout the day.

Please ensure all items of your child's clothing are labelled.

### What you can do to help...

Please ensure your child completes the weekly homework to embed their learning.

Please send in your plastic and cardboard for our creative area. Thank you.