

Barugh Green Primary School

Autumn Term 2011

Class: Year 4 Miss Madeley

Dear Parents/guardians,

Welcome back after the summer break.

Please support your child this term in the following areas...

Literacy

We are going to be exploring narrative stories with historical settings, newspaper and magazine articles, narrative stories set in an imaginary world, and creating images through poetry.

Please listen to your child read when they bring books home on a **Friday** and please ensure they are returned on a **Monday**.

Weekly spelling tests will be on a **Thursday**.

Numeracy

We will be focusing on Place Value, in particular: reading, writing, ordering numbers, comparing numbers, odd/even numbers, number sequences, doubling/halving numbers and positive/ negative numbers.

We will then move onto the four operations: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, and solving related word problems.

Weekly times tables tests will be on a **Thursday**, and we will also have a weekly Mental Maths test in class.

Science

Circuits and Conductors- We will be looking at the various dangers and safety aspects relating to electricity. We will be making circuits with switches, bulbs and buzzers.

Moving and Growing- We will be looking at the human and animal skeletons and their uses. Additionally, we will be considering how the body needs muscles and joints to be able to move.

ICT

Writing for different audiences-

Newspaper reports, font size, style, importing pictures.

Creative- Repeating patterns to make wallpaper, wrapping paper.

GEOG

A study of Indian village called

Chembokolli- lifestyles differences, work and school.

What's in the News? Covered through weekly Newsround sessions.

HISTORY

The Tudor Period- concentrating on Henry VIII and his six wives and the tudor lifestyle.

D/T

Pop up books/cards- looking at the devices and mechanisms needed to make a pop-up books. Designing, making and evaluating in small groups.

MUSIC

Singing with Mrs Jones.
Weekly music sessions from November when Mrs Jones returns to work more days.

ART

Colour and Tone- exploring complimentary colours and shading.
Pattern and Printing- looking at texture and patterns around school and creating a printing block.

R.E

Hinduism- hindu beliefs, hindu gods and goddesses and traditions.

Christmas Journeys- shepherds, kings, Mary and Joseph from the Christmas Story.

P.E

Gymnastics-balancing(Taught by Mrs Wolff)

Invasion Games - passing, throwing, catching.

Dance- coordinating routines, performing and evaluating.

Modern Foreign Language

French- learning French numbers, simple phrases, animals, foods and colours.

Other Comments

PE days are Monday and Friday (Please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit and trainers in school and that jewellery is removed.)

Homework will be sent home **every Friday** with alternate weeks for Literacy and Numeracy. Please ensure it is completed and returned for the following Friday. Please encourage your child to watch Newsround on every Wednesday at 5.05pm on BBC1.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Miss L Madeley