## Birkacre News



## Hope you had a lovely Summer break!



A very warm welcome to Birkacre Class (Year 4). The children have settled in well and have been familiarising themselves with the rules and routines of Birkacre class. Already we have revisited some basic English and Maths from Year 3 to ease the children back into school after the summer break. Now year 4 work has begun! Homework sent home will be spellings, reading and maths.

This half term in Birkacre class we are exploring the topic 'Elizabeth 1st. We will be learning about the significance of this monarch and the explorers she sent out to discover new lands. We will also learn about Elizabeth herself, what she wore, what she did to relax and how she defeated the Spanish Armada. In Maths we will be counting in different steps, understanding the number system and the role of place value. Artwork will focus on portraits in the style of the Elizabethan era, using pencils and sketches before painting.

Check out the Birkacre Blog on the school website at stjosephschorley.co.uk

## Reading

Please hear your child read each day. I know sometimes this is difficult with work and the children's after school activities but it is so important for their comprehension and also their writing. Their use of vocabulary and ideas for writing come from reading. Any book is fine to read just make a note of it in their record book. Try to change their school reading book at least once a week. If your child reads each day over a week they win a reader of the week prize!

Rewards
Star of the day
Table of the week
Reader of the week



In Birkacre your child will need to bring the following into school:

Reading book and Record <u>every day.</u>
PE kit for Monday and swimming kit for Thursday