

Welcome to Siskin class at Birklands Primary School

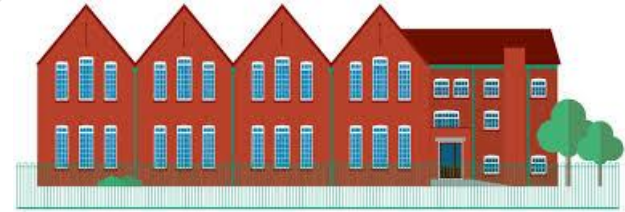
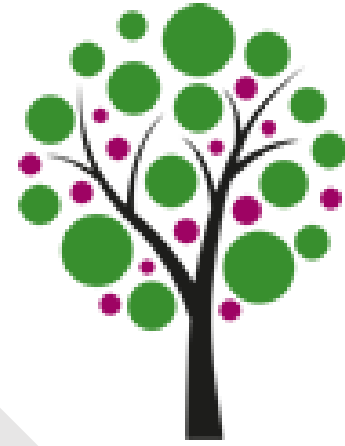


Hello to all children (and their families) who will be joining Siskin class in September!

We would usually have a transition week planned to get familiar with your new class, the routines and the adults in the class. Unfortunately our transition time has not been possible this year.

We hope this presentation will answer any questions you have and give you an idea of what to expect in September as a Year 3 pupil at Birklands.

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Staff in Siskin class



Miss Goodwin
Class Teacher



Mrs Peters
Teaching Assistant



Staff in Siskin class



Miss Goodwin

A little about me...

When I am not in school some of my favourite things to do are: read, bake, take photographs, listen to music, and go for walks with my friends. I also love travelling, and have been able to teach in some amazing places like South Africa and Ghana.

Favourites...

- **Colour-** Green
- **Book-** Matilda
- **Food-** Italian (pizza and pasta mmm)
- **Chocolate-** Anything, especially Dairy Milk



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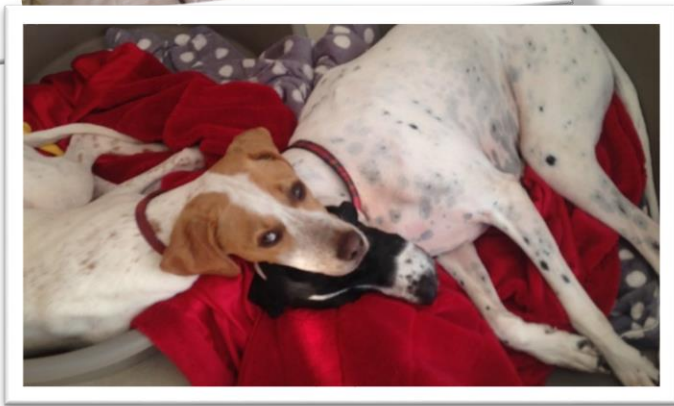
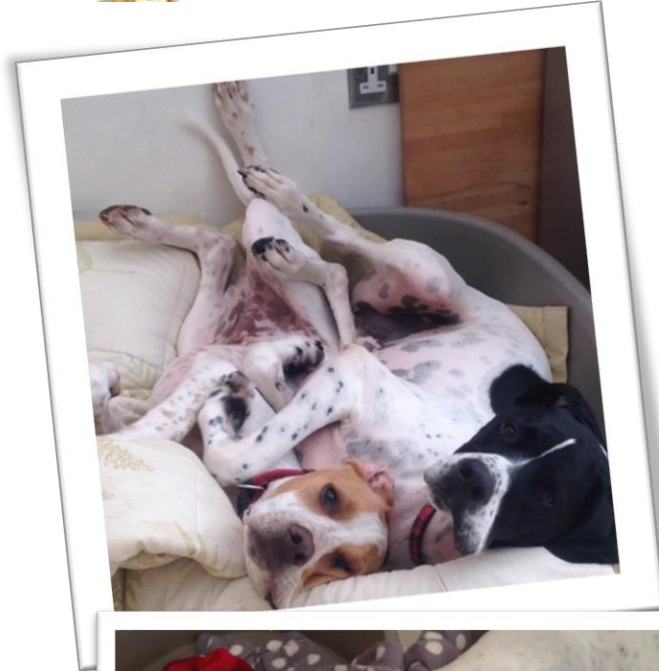
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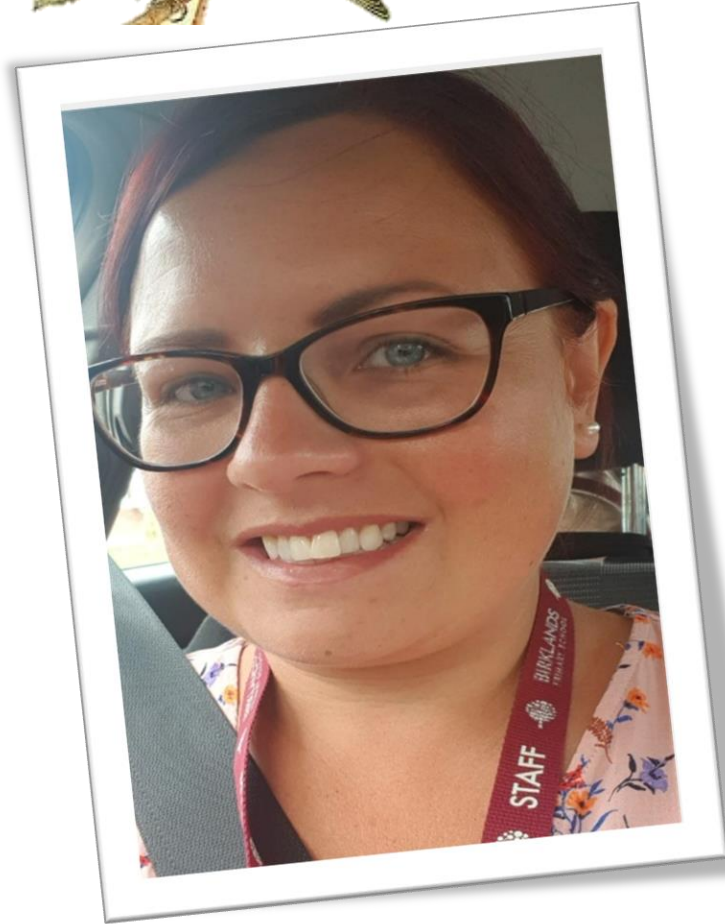


A little about me...

When I am not in school I love to spend time with my family, walking our dog and bike riding. I enjoy picnics, visiting animal parks and historical parks and gardens. My favourite place is my garden where I love to grow flowers and relax.

Favourites...

- **Colour-** Blue
- **Book-** Harry Potter series
- **Food-** Shepherds Pie and Mint Sauce
- **Chocolate-** Galaxy



Mrs Peters

Siskin Classroom

I am delighted to be your teacher next year; I can't wait to see what adventures we have in store!

Our classroom will be a happy place where we are excited to share our learning and support each other. We will treat everyone with kindness and respect, and always try our best.

In Siskin class, you will always be encouraged to challenge yourself because we know that it is only by having a go that we can grow as learners.



Siskin Classroom



In this classroom,

you are **explorers**.
You are **scientists**.
You are **artists**.
You are **readers**.
You are **authors**.
You are **unique**.
You are **listeners**.
You are **dreamers**.
You are **amazing**.
You are **important**.
You are **respected**.

You are **the reason we
are here!**

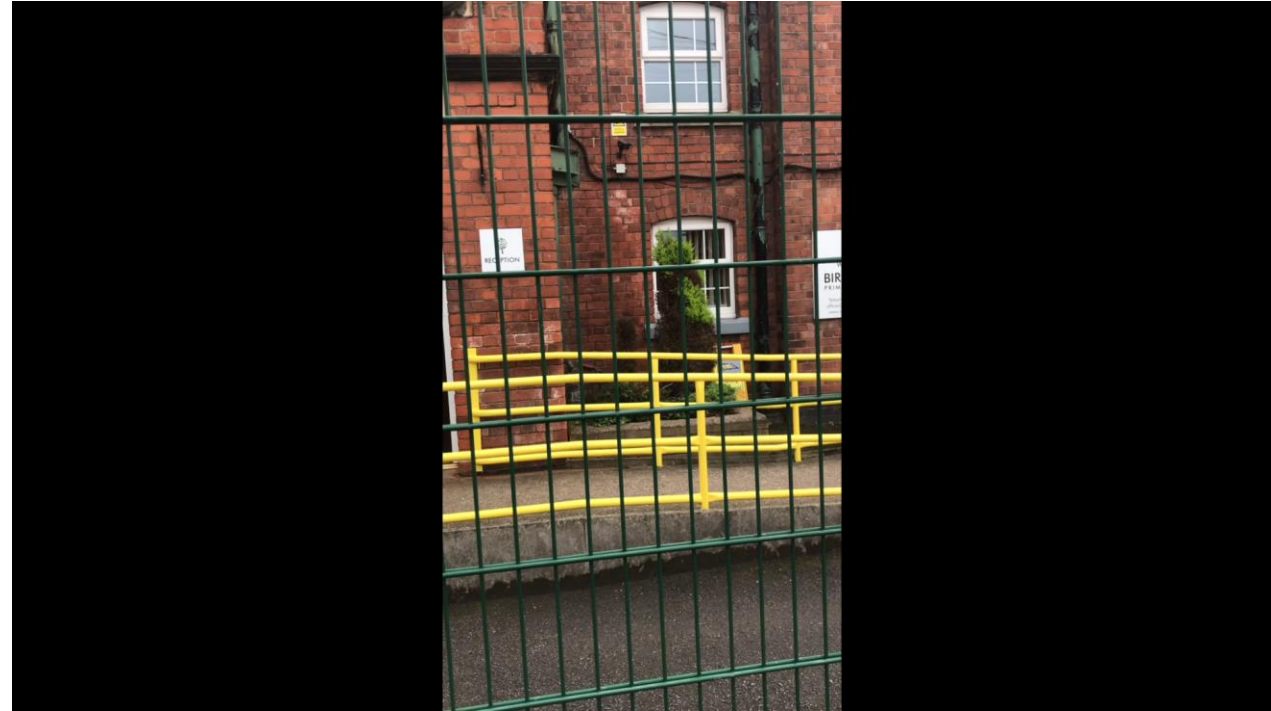
Arriving at school



Click on the video to see the route to our classroom.



- When arriving at school, you will enter through the main gates. Turn immediately right and enter the Key Stage 2 playground.
- You may arrive at school from 8:30am. A whistle will be blown at 8:45am to signal the start of the day.
- At 8:45am, children will line up at entrance to the left of the building where they will be met by their class teacher.



A typical Year 3 day

Time	Activity	What this will look like
8:30 – 8:45	Arrival on school playground	Children can begin to arrive on the Key Stage two playground in preparation for the doors opening. A member of staff will be on the playground from 8.30am.
8:45 – 9:00	Register and Morning Maths	Miss Goodwin takes the register, while pupils complete their morning maths session which consists of arithmetic questions and then tasks which help us to remember and reinforce our previous learning in maths.
9:00 – 10:00	Maths	Each maths session has a specific learning focus. Children are set tasks which will help them to develop fluency skills then a deeper understanding of that focus.
10:00 – 10:15	Handwriting	Handwriting practice to support correct letter formation and joining.
10:15 – 10:30	Assembly	Children attend the daily assembly.
10:30 – 10:45	Play time	Supervised outdoor play.
10.45- 11.10 11:10 – 12:10	Spelling and English	English teaching is based around a focus text which is used to develop skills in reading, writing and grammar.
12:10 – 13:00	Lunchtime	Pupils eat lunch and have some time to play outdoors.
13:00 – 14:00	Afternoon session 1	The learning in the afternoon is linked to our topic and may involve teaching of science, geography, history, art, DT, PE, RE, PSHE, computing or music
14:00 – 14:45	Afternoon session 2	The second session of learning in the afternoon
14:45 – 15:00	Class story then home time	Each day we will finish with a whole class story time, followed by home time.

Home time



Home time is at 3:00pm.

- Siskin class will exit through the same door as the one they entered school through (see picture).
- Parents/carers will wait outside on the KS2 playground. When the door opens the member of staff will call each child by their name when they can see their adult.
- Please be patient with this process as we have a lot of children to ensure leave school safely.
- If you wish to walk home unaccompanied by an adult, please inform the school office.



Key staff you will see in and around school



Mrs Smith
Head of School



Mrs Hughes
School Business
Manager



Mrs Hague
School Admin



Mr Cox
Site Manager

Teachers at Birklands



Mrs Wesley
F1- Wren



Miss Lounds
F2- Puffin



Mr Cohen
F2- Robin



Mrs Evans
Y1- Magpie



Mrs Lewis
Y2- Dove



Miss Marsh
Y3- Jay



Miss Goodwin
Y3- Siskin



Mrs Henderson
Teacher



Mrs Allen
Y4- Kittiwake



Mr Brightman
Y5- Nightingale



Mr Marsh
Y5- Kingfisher



Miss Watson
Y6- Goldcrest



Mrs Pawlitta
Teacher

Teaching Assistants at Birklands



Mrs Lean
Foundation



Miss Cox
KS1



Mrs Nelson
KS



Mrs Peters
KS2



Mrs Coverley
KS2



Mrs Cox
KS2



Mrs Sefton
Carer

MDSA and catering team



Mrs Battiste

Mrs Truman

Mrs Whittlestone



Mrs James



Mrs Wheeldon



Mrs Hunt

Mrs Alvey



Mrs Moulson



Miss Chambers

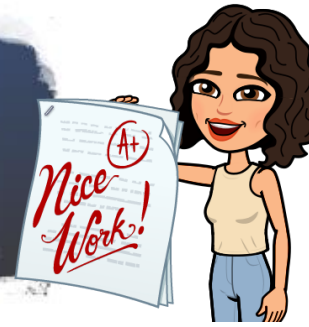
Key information: Reading



- Daily reading is essential for developing children's learning and progress in all areas.
- Children will bring home a book matched to their reading level and are expected to read at home at, to an adult, at least five times a week. When your child reads at home, please sign their reading diary. Pupils should bring their reading books and diaries into school each day.
- At Birklands, we aim to develop a love and appreciation of reading which will stay with children for life. Children will also bring home a book as part of our exciting reading challenge '**100 books to read by the end of Year 4**'. The books have been carefully selected to give pupils the opportunity to explore a wide range of authors, genres and time periods. Once a book has been read, pupils will be asked to write a recommendation for their peers.

"The more that you read, the more you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr Seuss

Key information: Homework



- Weekly homework is sent out every Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. Homework will always link to our lesson objectives (in either maths, English or topic) to give pupils the opportunity to develop the learning they have been focusing on in school.
- Spellings will be stuck in reading diaries at the start of the week to allow children to practise these before the test on Friday. Every Friday I will add two mystery words from the year 3/4 spelling list which is also in the reading diaries; this will give pupils the opportunity to practise these words over time to deepen their understanding.

What happens next?

- Please complete the 'All About Me' booklet and return it to school as soon as possible.
- If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch, send them to mgoodwin@birklandsschool.co.uk
- Please have a look at our website too www.birklandsschool.co.uk

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to Siskin class.

