

Birch Class - Spring 1



Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have enjoyed the break ☺

Welcome

Our topic this half term is 'Transport and Travel' this will be largely taught through our history topic of the Victorians that will be widely taught over all areas of the curriculum. Keep your eyes peeled for our Victorian Themed Day!

This half term, PE will continue on a Tuesday. There will be NO swimming, instead, our other PE focus for the half term will be gymnastics.

Our beach school learning afternoons will continue to happen every three weeks - please keep your eye on dojo for the specific dates.

Any questions along the way, please do not hesitate to contact me ☺

Maths

This half term our learning will begin with multiplication and division and then move onto developing and securing our knowledge of measurement. We will then delve into securing our knowledge of area, length and perimeter. Before finishing the half term looking at fractions. Each day we take part in 10 differentiated arithmetic questions to strengthen children's written and mental methods and complete a variety of timetables questions.

Reading

We will continue with our guided reading fluency program each morning. Children will read in small groups with an adult to really build their reading confidence, expression and comprehension. Children have responded well to this last half term and I am eager to continue with this.

This half term some written comprehension will be added. In year groups children will pick a part short texts looking at vocabulary, retrieval, inference, summarizing, prediction and word meaning.

English

THE VICTORIANS

We are so excited to immerse ourselves into our writing topic this half-term that will be largely inspired by The Victorians. We will begin by learning about Queen Victoria and writing a biography on her life. We will be writing a diary entry from her perspective, we will be writing newspaper reports on famous inventions and write a short narrative.

Each day children will be taught tailored spelling lessons and handwriting; as well as completing differentiated grammar tasks and take part in new grammar learning.

History / Geography

In history this half-term we will research famous monarchs and find more about Queen Victoria in relation to other famous monarchs in the past. We will explore the Queen in residence and famous royal homes, read and analyse Victoria's diary entries, research the most famous inventions in the Victorian Era and explore how the Victorian Empire expanded.

RE / PSHE

In RE we will be learning about Islam and exploring the question 'How do celebrations and worship show what matters to a Muslim?'
In PSHE we will continue our learning of My Happy Mind through the 'Appreciate' model. We will also be learning how to be safe in PSHE and complete our bespoke online safety units.

Music and French

For Spring 1, our music unit will take us to South America, where we will be exploring the vibrant music of South America. We can't wait to share it with you.

In French we will be looking at celebrations, birthday celebrations in particular. Joyeux anniversaire!

Art

Our art topic focuses on drawing this half-term, specifically on developing children's experimental drawing skills as they learn a variety of drawing techniques.

PE

PE will continue every Tuesday this half-term. Please ensure your child removes any jewellery including earrings and hair that can be tied back is tied back.

Computing

This half-term's computing we will be looking at the journey inside a computer. Children will explore inputs and outputs and that the computer sends and receives information. We will look at the parts of a laptop and the purpose of each part. We will then explore what an algorithm is. Children will think about what memory is for inside a computer and begin to make comparisons between different types of computer.

