

Birch Class - Autumn 2



WELCOME

Welcome back I hope you had a well-rested half term.

This half term is set to be a busy one!

We continue our topic 'A Blast from the Past' where we will be exploring historic Britain, focusing in on the Romans!

This half term we will be launching beach schools. Birch class beach dates are as follows: 15.11.24 &

Key information will be shared on our class dojo page, please make sure you check this on a regular basis so messages are not missed. If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Notes

Maths

Our focus this half term will be:

Addition and Subtraction

We will be adding and subtracting up to 4 digit numbers across 10, 100 and 1000

Multiplication and Division

We will be exploring sharing and grouping, our 2 - 12 times tables and dividing a number by one and itself.

Science

Our science topic this half term is all about 'Shining the Light'. Children will begin to recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will explore and notice that light is reflected from surfaces and that light from the sun can be dangerous, thinking about ways to protect their eyes. They will learn that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object. Finding patterns in the way that the size of shadows change

Literacy

Our literacy topic this half term will be still be themed around **the Romans**, we will be writing a debate as to whether the Romans are the best inventors in history. Retell the story of Romulus and Remus before planning and writing our own Roman stories.

Grammar - Grammar skills will be taught alongside literacy lessons allowing children to learn the skill and how to apply it before using it in their written work. We will start by looking at co-ordinating and Subordinating Clauses.

Spellings will be sent home weekly. They will go home on a Friday.

Reading- books will travel to and from school daily. Children are encouraged to read as often as possible whether it's their books or the back of the cereal box.

TTRS- It is a great resource, ready to engage and support children's learning please encourage children to have a go. Logins are in planners.

Art & DT

Our art focus this half term is on Sculpture and 3D. We will be exploring carving, modelling, constructing and planning our own sculptures. Using techniques such as folding, stitching, tying weaving and balancing materials together we will be making our own wire sculptures. We can't wait to share them with you once they are finished.

History/Geography

In history, we will be exploring The Romans further. We will be looking at how the Roman Empire was formed from a city in central Italy to one of the world's greatest empires. We will be exploring Julius Caesar, Claudius, Scotty and the Saxons right through to the fall of the Roman Empire.

In Geography we will be looking at Rome within Italy and the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain today.

Music

Music this half term will be looking at Jazz. Children will be learning about ragtime style music, traditional jazz and scat singing. Children create a jazz motif using a swung rhythm.



RE

In RE, children will be thinking about the question 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?'

Computing

Our learning in computing this half term will see us focus on online safety and data handling comparison cards. We will be learning about records, fields and data, the children further explore the concepts of sorting and filtering.

PE

Every Tuesday, Birch Class will be taught PE by Hawkes Health. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits with a water bottle. Children will need a PE jumper and trainers as these sessions often take place outside. **All clothing should be labelled.** As the weather begins to change coats are advisable.

Every Thursday, afternoon Birch class will be swimming. Please make sure children bring appropriate swimwear and a towel to each session.