

Birch Class - Autumn 1



WELCOME

Welcome back year 4 and a warm welcome to the year 3s joining us this academic year!

I understand the summer holidays have been difficult for many this year and we are here for you should you need anything.

As usual, 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.

Mrs Dunn

Notes

Spellings will be sent home weekly. Although children will not be tested it is important they are having a go and applying these words.

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- logins will be once again added to children's planners. It is a great resource, ready to engage and support children's learning please encourage children to have a go.

Maths

+- Maths - This Half Term

This half term, our maths adventure will take us through **adding and subtracting across 10**, exploring **numbers up to 1,000**, and discovering **multiplicative relationships**. We'll be learning lots of new skills through **hands-on, practical activities** that make maths exciting and memorable! ✨

Children will also continue with **Mastering Number**, helping them build a strong foundation and embed key concepts as they progress on their mathematical journey.

✏️ We'll keep up our **times table journey** too, learning new tables through **chanting, repeating, and applying** them in fun ways to really make them stick. 🎵 ✨

Science

This half term, our science topic is all about the amazing **Human Skeleton and Muscles!**

🦋 We will be uncovering how our skeleton supports and protects us, why bones come in different lengths, and how our muscles help us move, stretch, and grow stronger. We'll even compare our skeletons with those of animals to see what makes each one unique! 🐾

Get ready to pick up loads of new skills, make fascinating discoveries, and maybe even see your own body in a whole new way! 🔍 ✨

Literacy

This year, we're kicking off our literacy adventure by exploring the **superpowers** of punctuation and grammar! Over 19 lively lessons, we'll dive into **nouns, verbs, and subjects**, discover how to craft brilliant **single-clause sentences**, and learn the magic of using **coordinating conjunctions** to join ideas together. By the end, you'll be **sentence-building pros!**

Our very first class book will be *The Seed of Doubt* by Irena Brignull—a beautiful story that invites us to explore **dreams, curiosity, hope, wishes, and big aspirations**. Along the way, we'll uncover new skills, spark our imaginations, and share our ideas together. We can't wait to get started! 🌱 ✨

Art & DT

This half term, our art journey is all about **painting and mixed media!** ✨ We'll experiment with light and dark, play with tints and shades, and discover how to make our artwork look three-dimensional and full of life. Next, we'll dive into proportion and composition by exploring still life—putting all our colour-mixing skills and painting techniques into action. By the end, we'll have a finished masterpiece to share with you, and we can't wait for you to see the creativity shine!



History/Geography

🌐 Geography

This half term, we'll become explorers as we investigate the big question: "What are rivers and how are they used?" From finding out how rivers shape the land to discovering the many ways people and animals rely on them, we'll dive right in and let our curiosity flow! 🐾

🏰 History

In History, we'll journey back in time to the **Stone Age** and explore the fascinating question: "What do archaeologists think they know about the Stone Age?" We'll uncover ancient clues, piece together mysteries from the past, and imagine what life might have been like thousands of years ago. 🔍 ✨

Music

This half term, we're lucky to have the very talented **Miss Dykes** leading our music lessons—and our focus will be on the vibrant sounds of the **Caribbean!** 🎵 🎶 Get ready for upbeat rhythms, joyful melodies, and plenty of chances to make music together. We can't wait to show off our new skills soon... so watch this space for some toe-tapping performances! 🌟



Computing

💻 Computing

This half term, our learning will focus on the world of **emailing!** ✉️ We'll discover how to write, send, and reply to emails safely and confidently, while also learning the dos and don'ts of online communication. By the end, we'll be email experts—ready to connect, share, and communicate like pros! 🚀

PSHE and RE

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This half term, we'll be diving deeper into the amazing world of the **brain!** We'll discover what different parts of the brain do, and how they help us think, feel, and learn every day. We'll also practise **happy breathing** ✨ and explore the power of **positivity**—learning how small changes in our thoughts can make a big difference to how we feel. 🌟

🙏 RE

In RE, we'll be diving into the fascinating question: "What do **Hindus** believe **God** is like?" Together, we'll discover stories, beliefs, and traditions that will help us understand more about Hindu faith and culture. 🌟

PE

🏃 PE - Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, Birch Class will get moving with **Hawkes Health!** Please make sure children come to school in their **PE kits** and bring a **water bottle**. Sessions often take place outside, so a **PE jumper** and **trainers** are essential. Don't forget to **label all clothing** and as the weather changes, a **coat** is a good idea! 🧥

🏊 Swimming - Thursdays

On Thursday afternoons, we'll be making a splash with **swimming lessons!** Please ensure children bring their **swimwear** and a **towel** to every session. Get ready for some fun in the pool! 🌊 ✨

🌳 Outdoor Learning - Fridays

Fridays are all about **exploring the great outdoors!** Children should come in their **PE kits** ready for outdoor adventures, learning, and lots of fresh-air fun.

