

Birch Class- Summer 1



WELCOME

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed a well-deserved rest. The summer term is now here, and it's always a busy and exciting time for the children with lots of learning and activities ahead. As always, any important updates and reminders will be shared on Dojo, so please check it regularly to make sure you don't miss anything. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

Maths

+- Maths - This Half Term

This term, the children will be developing their understanding of the 3, 6, 7 and 9 times tables. We will also begin exploring fractions, helping pupils build confidence in recognising and working with parts of a whole.



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, pupils will explore **simple electrical circuits**. They will learn about key components, build their own circuits, and troubleshoot any problems. The unit also covers switches, conductors and insulators, culminating in an exciting hands-on project where children design and create their own torches.

Notes

The Year 4 Times Table Check will take place after the May holidays, giving the children plenty of time to practise and build their confidence. A weekly times tables club will be announced shortly for anyone who would like some extra support or practice. We will make this additional learning time as fun and engaging as possible, helping children feel positive and prepared for the check.

Spellings - These 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.

Literacy

✨ In literacy, children will complete their exciting writing journey with *How to Train Your Dragon* before diving into **The Lion and the Unicorn**. Through this powerful story, they will explore the drama of the Blitz and evacuation, while developing rich grammar skills. Children will bring their ideas to life through diary entries, letters, vivid descriptions and their own imaginative evacuation narrative.

Art & DT

☀️ This half term in Design and Technology, the children will be learning about electrical systems, linking closely with our science topic. They will explore how simple circuits work and investigate the different components needed to make them function. Using this knowledge, pupils will then design and create their own working torches. This hands-on project will encourage creativity, problem-solving and practical skills, as well as helping children understand how electrical devices are used in everyday life.

Geography

This half term we explore 'Are all settlements the same?' Children will locate UK cities, compare villages, towns and cities, read OS maps and follow routes, explore land use and regional changes, and compare our local area with New Delhi's human and physical features.

Music and RE

🎵 Music will be taught by Miss Dykes theming around Tuned Percussion.



RE

This half term in RE, children will explore the exciting question: *What happened when Jesus left—and why was Pentecost so important to Christians?* Through stories, discussion and creative activities, they'll discover how this special event changed everything for Jesus' followers and why it still matters today.

Computing

This half term, children will continue developing their **website design** skills. They will build on research, word processing, and teamwork while learning how to create web pages, adjust layouts, add images and videos, and link pages. They will then move on to **coding in Scratch**, creating games using variables and sensors, and debugging their projects.

PSHE

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Growing and changing

Y3&4 - Puberty changes

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Y4 only - Hormones and mood changing during puberty

Y4 only - Body parts, periods, puberty for girls, and puberty for boys

Y4 only - Who can you talk to?

Y4 only - Marriage and partnership

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want more information or to see further content to what is being taught.

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! ☁️

🌿 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. 🌳💡