

English

Grammar is taught separately each day to Year 3 and Year 4 which focuses on a specific skills and followed up in writing lessons. Birch Class are also discretely taught spelling and will engage in a weekly spelling test. Comprehension is taught separately to Year 3 and Year 4. Year 3 will begin the year learning comprehension through the book 'Tilly and the Time Machine' whilst Year 4 will access a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

We will begin the year with some creative story writing! Then, we are going to launch our Kings and Queens topic and our new class book will be **King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Morpurgo**. We will construct a character description and a setting description of life in China. We will write a diary entry in the style of an Indian explorer and research about the Himalayas. We will conclude the half – term by researching and writing a biography on Edmund Hillary, a famous mountaineer!

Art and D&T: Our focus for Art is Self-Portraits! We will explore and study Vincent Van Gogh and Frida Kahlo for self-portraits, Da Vinci and Mona Lisa for family portraits and Queen Victoria and Henry VIII for Royal portraits.

PSHE: Our topic for PSHE will be Me and My Relationships and then Valuing Difference.

Music: Children will be taught music from KAPOW music and will engage in a weekly music lesson by our Music Leader, Miss Dykes.

Science: Shining the Light

Our science topic for this half-term is Light! Our science topic is going to be taught around the following investigation to fully immerse the children in Scientific Enquiry and investigative skills. ‘

The Rainbow Theatre have had a robbery. Some diamond earrings have been stolen during the dress rehearsal for the new play. There are 6 suspects to the crime and the police need your help to solve the mystery. There was a small audience for the rehearsal and they witnessed some strange events that led up to the robbery. Can you piece together the clues and solve the crime?’

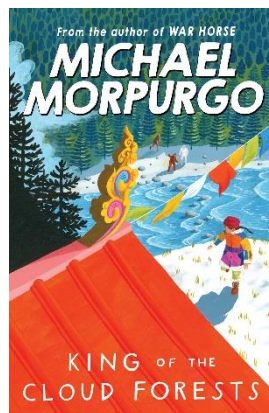
Maths

We begin each day with timetables practice which our children love! This really helps them to secure their knowledge of timetables up to 12 x 12 in a given time period. The children can see themselves improve day by day and secures their knowledge ready for the Multiplication Test Check in Year 4. All of the children also complete 10 arithmetic style questions, differentiated to each year group, to secure their knowledge of mental maths and recap learning from previous lessons.

Year 3: Year 3 will begin the year understanding numbers to 1,000 and ordering these, finding more or less, counting in 50s and estimating numbers. They will then secure their knowledge of adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using column addition and column subtraction methods. **Year 4:** Year 4 will begin the year securing their knowledge of place value and digits up to 10,000. They will become confident in ordering these numbers, rounding numbers, understanding Roman Numeral and negative numbers. Year 4 will then move onto adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers and estimation.

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Kings and Queens!



History and Geography

Our topic for this term is Kings and Queens! We are going to be focusing our history study on William the Conqueror and Queen Anne and Queen Victoria. Our geography lessons will tie in with our class book as we explore and learn about the equator, the northern and southern hemisphere the arctic circle and the time zones of the world!

RE: We follow the NYCC guidance for teaching RE.

Important Information:

Children must bring a water bottle each day.

Please label school uniform.

Please bring a coat if necessary.

We will be swimming on Thursday afternoons so please bring swimming kit to change into.

Children can come into school in PE kit on Fridays.