

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.

In English, we have an exciting array of books and texts to discover this half term. We will look at the following books: Tim Bowler's 'River Boy'; 'Poems, Green & Blue Planet'; Tom Moorhouse's 'The River Singers' and a factual book named 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. Using these texts to support us, we will cover the following genres: Narrative, Persuasive writing of a balanced argument, explanation text, poetry and a recount of a trip to the River Esk. We always endeavour to build in cross-curricular links with a variety of other subject through our writing. We can't wait to develop our knowledge of rivers, coasts and seas through our writing.

Art and D&T: Our focus for Art is painting, specially focusing on light and dark with a build up to creating a piece of artwork related to water and rivers.

PSHE: Our topic for PSHE will be Keeping Safe and then we will move onto Rights and Respect.

Music: Children will be taught music from KAPOW music linked to our topic of 'Rivers' and will engage in a weekly music lesson by our Music Leader, Miss Dykes.

Science – Habitat Helpers!

Our topic this half term for is 'Animals- Habitat Helpers'. As always, we are excited for lots of investigating and experiments to take place! 'The plants and creatures in our world are in danger because there habitats are changing for lots of reasons. It is our job to help, and protect our local environment. Are you up to becoming an expert on Green Issues affecting our local and worldwide habitats?

We will be specifically focusing on habitats, adaptation, climate change, wasteful behaviours and disappearing habitats!

Computing:

We will continue to develop our computing skills with a focus of 'Sequencing Sounds', Every half term sees Online Safety taught throughout the school.

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. This will be built upon the knowledge in the Autumn Term.

Year 3: Year 3 will begin the year on Multiplication and Division, dividing larger numbers by 1 and 2. We will then develop our knowledge of Money, Statistics, Length and Perimeter and Fractions as we approach Easter.

Year 4: Year 4 will begin the year understanding factors and factor pairs, multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers and long division. We will move onto Length and Perimeter and develop our understanding of Fractions and Decimals as we approach Easter.

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'A Watery World'



Important Information:

Please remind your child to bring their learning journals and to write in them when they are reading independently as well as with an adult.

Dance will be on Thursdays in replace of swimming. Please come in PE Kit. Children can come into school in PE kit on Fridays too for PE.

Geography

Our Topic for the term is 'A Watery World'. This topic will span over the whole of the Spring term, up until Easter, and we will be focusing primarily on our Geographical skills. Beginning with a local study of the River Esk, children will learn all about the journey a river takes, followed by a focused study on where the land meets the sea. Within all of this, children will develop skills such as map reading, alongside being able to describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including coasts, cliffs and beaches.

RE: This half term will focus on thinking about the question: 'Why Do People Pray?'

We partake in daily Collective Worships around our school value, this half term being 'Perseverance'. We also continue to enjoy singing and seeing our Collective Worship Team lead worships for the school.

French

Nous apprenons 'La Jungle'.