

Literacy

There will be four main components to our Literacy lessons each week. The first component will be spellings; statutory spellings and spelling rules will be taught daily using Read Write Spell. Secondly, grammar skills will be learned and recalled through 10 differentiated questions, on a daily basis. These skills will be also be expanded on in writing lessons. The third component will be writing sessions, these will all stem from our learning in history (all based on the Anglo Saxons). We will be writing a non-chronological report, letter writing, a balanced argument, instruction writing, poetry and a diary entry this half term. Comprehension is our final component in Literacy. We will be engaging in comprehension sessions 2– 3 times per week; this half term this we will focus on specific comprehension skills to answer questions related to individual texts. I will also read our class book: 'Anglo-Saxon Boy, by Tony Bradman'. to the children as much as possible each week.

Maths

Each day in Maths we will complete 10 differentiated arithmetic questions that will be marked with the children. We will also complete regular timetables practise.

In Autumn 1, children in Year 3 will cover:
Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

In Autumn 1, children in Year 4 will cover:
Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

Birch Class Newsletter Autumn 1
Our Topic: Invaders and Settlers (Anglo Saxons)



Important Information for Autumn 1:

- PE will be every Tuesday morning 10am-11am, please ensure children arrive in full PE kit on Tuesdays.
- Swimming will be every Thursday afternoon and children will set off to swimming for 1pm. Please provide swimming bags ready to take.
- Spelling tests will take place every Friday. New spellings will be given out on Friday for the following week.

The Wider Curriculum:

History – Anglo Saxons (timeline, settlement sites, farming, clothing, jobs and leisure, Anglo Saxons in our local area).

PSHE – Me and my relationships.

Art and DT – Painting using mixed media (with a focus on light and dark). We will be working towards a still life composition that is inspired by the Anglo Saxons.

Science – Plant reproduction.

French – French Greetings.

PE– Invasion and Attacking Games lead by HAWKES every Tuesday and swimming every Thursday PM.

Music – Developing a singing technique.

RE– What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Computing – Emailing.