

Literacy

In our writing sessions this half term, we will be focusing on the following text types: A persuasive leaflet, a narrative linked to writing by the author Tom Palmer (who will be visiting our school) and a biography. Throughout the week, we will also be learning and practising grammar skills, as well as completing daily handwriting sessions. In addition to this, we will be engaging in reading comprehension sessions three times per week. Finally, we will continue to complete weekly spelling challenges and learn new spelling rules on Fridays.

Maths

Every day in Maths, we will complete 10 differentiated arithmetic questions that will be marked with the children. We will also complete daily timetables practise. We are currently focusing on learning 36 core times table facts.

In Spring 2, children in Year 3 will cover:
Fractions, mass (g and kg) and capacity (ml and l)

In Spring 2, children in Year 4 will cover:
Fractions and decimals



Birch Class Newsletter Spring 2

Our Topic: Up, up and away (space)



Important Information for Spring 1:

- We are no longer doing gymnastics on a Friday; we are doing dance on a Thursday afternoon instead.
- PE with Hawkes will be every **Tuesday morning** 10am-11am and PE with Miss Draper (Hannah Verity dance studios) will be **every Thursday afternoon**. Please ensure children arrive in full PE kit on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**
- Weekly Spelling Challenges to take place every Friday (first one of term will be on 1.3. 24). New spellings will be given out each Friday to learn for the following week.
- Homework: weekly spellings practise, TTRS maths challenges and reading.

The Wider Curriculum:

Science – Animals including humans

History / Geography – This half-term there is a larger focus on geography over history learning. We will start by learning to recognise the OS map symbols and then move onto learning all about Biomes.

PSHE – Rights and responsibilities

Art /DT – Structures and mechanisms – constructing a castle

French – In a French classroom

PE – led by HAWKES every Tuesday and dance led by Hannah Verity dance studios every Thursday afternoon.

Music – Haiku music and performance (Hanami festival theme)

RE – Salvation: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

Computing – Website design