

Birch Class- Autumn 1



WELCOME

Welcome back year 4 and a warm welcome to the year 3s joining us this academic year!

I hope you all have had a fantastic summer, I can't wait to hear all about it over the next few days.

This year we will be joined by the wonderful Mrs Barnes and Mrs Walsh. Mrs Barnes is our class TA and Mrs Walsh a I:1.

Our first topic of the year will be 'A Blast from the Past' where we will be exploring historic Britain, focusing in on the Romans!

Key information will be shared on our class dojo page, please make sure you check this on a regular basis so messages are not missed. If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Notes

Spellings will be sent home weekly. They will go home on a Friday and children will be tested the following Friday.

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.

Maths

Our focus this half term will be:

Place Value

We will be looking at number lines, representing, partitioning, estimating and comparing numbers. Thinking about hundred, tens and ones and counting in 50s.

Addition and Subtraction

We will be exploring number bonds, adding and subtracting in 1s, 10s and 100s, making connections, adding two and three digit numbers.

Science

Our science topic this half term is all about 'Rocks' We will begin by grouping and classifying rock types, whilst making comparisons. We will be looking at how fossils are formed and thinking about soils that are formed from rock and organic matter. There will be lots of investigations and a field trip with Tanya.

Literacy

Our literacy topic this half term will be themed around **the Romans**. We will begin by writing a non-chronological report on the Gruesome Romans and how the Roman Empire was formed. We will be learning lots of new skills that we can't wait to showcase to you once we get going.

Grammar - Grammar skills will be taught alongside literacy lessons allowing children to learn the skill and how to apply it before using it in their written work. We will start by looking at co-ordinating and Subordinating Clauses.

Art & DT

Our art focus this half term is all about painting and mixed media. Our learning will explore light and dark and how to use tints and shades to give three dimensional effects. We will then move on to exploring proportion and composition through still life applying our knowledge of colour mixing and painting techniques to create a finished piece that we look forward to sharing with you.

History/Geography

In history, we will be exploring The Romans further. We will be looking at how the Roman Empire was formed from a city in central Italy to one of the world's greatest empires. We will be exploring Julius Caesar, Claudius, Scotty and the Saxons right through to the fall of the Roman Empire.

In Geography we will be looking at Rome within Italy and the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain today. We have an exciting trip to Murton Park to coincide with our learning. Keep your eyes on dojo to find out more and for pictures of course!

Music

Music this half term will be taught by the very talented Miss Dykes and the focus will be a focus on South African music.



PSHE and RE

Our theme in PSHE this term is 'Me and my relationships'.

In RE, children will be thinking about the question 'What is it like for someone to follow God'.

Computing

Our learning in computing this half term will see us focus on data handling. We will begin to explore computer systems and networks. Recognising what a network is and how information moves around it. We will then think about and look at how websites work and the roles of a router and packet data.

PE

Every Tuesday, Birch Class will be taught PE by Hawkes Health. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits with a water bottle. Children will need a PE jumper and trainers as these sessions often take place outside. **All clothing should be labelled.** As the weather begins to change coats are advisable.

Every Thursday, afternoon Birch class will be swimming. Please make sure children bring appropriate swimwear and a towel to each session.