

Year 5 Curriculum Information

Birch Class Spring 1 2025

ENGLISH

This half term, Birch Class will study the novel 'The Lion who stole my arm' by Nicola Davies. We will use this text alongside extracts from other texts to gather content and ideas enabling us to create our own pieces of writing.



We will study various other genres of texts through our daily whole class reading lessons and will also have daily grammar lessons.

MATHS

This half term, children will be developing their numerical knowledge by focusing on short division and then moving on to area and scaling.

Alongside this, children will be working daily on their arithmetic skills and on improving the speed of their multiplication tables knowledge.



CURRICULUM

Art – We will be looking at Greek pottery and looking at the different styles and techniques they used. We will then use these skills to make our own from air drying clay.

Computing – The topic this term is spreadsheets. The children will learn how to use conversions of measurements and how to use a formulae accurately.

History – Ancient Greece is the topic for this half term. We will look at how life was in ancient Greek times and the lasting impact they have had on modern day society.

Music – Our musical focus for this half term is listening skills and we will be focusing on the BBC Ten Pieces. The children will explore the stories and secrets hidden in the classical pieces.

PE – Birch class will take part in swimming lessons this half term on Tuesday mornings. A separate letter has been sent out with details of what your child will need for these lessons.

PSHE – PSHE this term will focus on health and wellbeing. We will have a particular focus on how the media can influence people and ways in which we can keep ourselves safe online.

R.E - Children will be looking at Judaism. They will focus on the key question of 'Do people need laws to guide them?'

Science – Our Science topic this term is evolution and inheritance. We will be learning all about fossils and what we can learn from them and thinking about characteristics passed from the parent to any offspring (inheritance.)



HOME LEARNING

It is really important that children read regularly at home. Although children must read their school reading book, they are also encouraged to read for pleasure by choosing books that are of interest to them. This can include non-fiction books, magazines, comics and newspapers as well as fictional stories.



Please try to listen to your child read at least once a week and sign their reading record to show that you have done so. Reading books and records need to be returned to school **every day**.

A homework menu will be sent home with your child each term and a link will also be included on the Birch Class webpage and on Class Dojo. Children should complete one homework of choice from the list each week and if possible, should **post a document or photograph of the completed learning on Class Dojo**.

If you do not have access to class dojo, please let me know and I will arrange access for you.

Links to various homework help pages are on the school website and include links to Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Frame.

Miss Heartfield & Ms Rozynska

PE Kit – Red t-shirt
Black shorts or leggings
Black pumps

Black joggers and trainers may be worn on PE day but children must bring shorts and pumps for the lesson.