

# Year 5 Curriculum Information

## Birch Class Spring 2 2025

### ENGLISH

This half term, Birch Class will be studying Beowulf adapted by Michael Morpurgo. We will explore the text and then the children will innovate their own version of the story.

We will be continuing with our daily whole class reading lessons and will be reading lots of different genres of texts. We will unpick new vocabulary and look at how the author has used language to convey the story and information to the reader.

### MATHS

This half term, children will be working on calculating with decimal fractions.

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



### CURRICULUM

**Computing** – The topic this term is, ‘Databases’ and involve using databases to search for information as well as creating a database with different search options.

**Geography** – The Amazing Americas is the topic for this half-term. Children will recap prior learning on biomes before zooming in on two contrasting areas of America. Children will look at the similarities and differences between the areas and think about why these areas are so different working towards answering the key question, ‘Why does America have contrasting biomes?’

**Music** – We will be using an app on the iPads to produce a range of backing music of our own including rock and pop songs.

**PE** – Birch class will take part in PE lessons on **Tuesdays**. This term, we will be continuing with our swimming lessons.. Please ensure that children have the correct swimming kit which includes shorts or swimming costume, swimming hat and a towel.

**PSHE** – PSHE this term we will continue to focus on living in the wider world and in particular the key question of, ‘How can the media influence people?’

**R.E** - Children will be looking at Christianity and addressing the question: What do we mean by a miracle?

**Science** – Our Science topic this term is The Life Cycle of Humans. We will be building on our prior learning from the Autumn term and will be addressing the key question: Why do people look different as they get older?



### 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**.

**Spellings** will be set weekly and given to the children as a list which can then be practised on the Spelling Frame website which all children have a login for.

**Times tables** – There are still several children who are unsure of their multiplication tables and this is holding them back in other areas of maths. Can you please encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars or Hit The Button regularly to assist with this.

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

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