

# Birch Class Newsletter: Spring term 2

Class Teacher: Miss Trevor

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all settled into spring term two well and have all had a good break. I am looking forward to all the exciting things that we have planned this term. We have a trip to Duxford, World Book Day, International Day of Mathematics and so much more...

Just a reminder of the clubs that are available to those pupils within Birch Class...

Booster Club (year 6 only) – Wednesday afternoons till 4pm

Writing club (KS2 only) – Tuesday lunchtimes

Times tables are an integral part of maths and aiding children in their learning. All pupils have Times Tables Rockstars log ins and are more than welcome to practice them at home. If you need a copy of your child's log in, please let me know.

You can find out more information about our curriculum within this newsletter and you can also follow Birch Class on X (previously known as Twitter) at @BirchWsm where we will share what we have been learning.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Trevor

## PE

Please ensure children arrive at school with PE kits and have earrings removed prior to the PE sessions.

For PE a T-shirt, jogging bottoms/shorts, jumper, and trainers will be needed.

## Spellings

Y5: Spellings will be tested on Wednesdays.

Y6: Spellings will be tested on Fridays.

## Homework

Homework is given out each Friday to be returned the following Thursday for marking.

## Reading

Pupils should be reading at least four times a week at home.

They are to make a note of their progress in their reading diary. Reading regularly at home supports your child's reading fluency and confidence.

*Learning to read takes lots of practice. At school we read as much as possible but the time you spend reading with your child at home is worth every minute.*

## Spring 2 Key texts

These are the books we share in whole class reading, writing skills lessons and our class reader at the end of the day.

- Skellig
- Varmints
- The Listeners
- Malamander

## Science

In this unit, pupils will learn about light. We will look at the properties of light and how the human eye works.

The key vocabulary for this term is:

- Reflection
- Shade
- Prism
- Mirror

## Writing Skills

In Writing Skills this term, we are looking at writing speeches with the focus being on refugees.

We will also be writing a narrative based around the book Varmints by Marc Craste.

## Maths

In Maths we will be focussing on area, perimeter, and volume. We will also be learning about statistics and shapes.

## Geography

In geography this term we are learning about South America. We are focussing on how the Inca Empire developed and the consequences of it being such a large continent.

The key vocabulary for this term is:

- Pangea
- Subduction zone
- Biodiversity

# Birch Class's Curriculum Overview

## PSHE & RE

In PSHE this term our focus is 'Healthy me,' we will discuss setting ourselves achievable goals and how this can benefit us.

In RE we will be looking at 'Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complimentary- digging deeper.' Discussing the different viewpoints.

## PE

This term's focus is on tennis and cricket.

We will be learning the key skills which fall within the sports and the important rolls within it, such as co-ordination.

## Art

This term children will be learning about William Morris and his impact on interior design.

We will be printing our own designs.

The key vocabulary for this term:

- Designer
- Decorative arts
- Textiles
- Medieval
- Block printing

## History

In History this term we are looking at World War Two and those countries who played a significant role.

The key vocabulary for this term:

- Encryption
- Blitz
- Evacuation
- Holocaust
- Genocide

## Computing

This term we will be focusing on the history of technology and how this developed.

We will be making sound and video clips and learning about the impact Bletchley Park had on Word War Two.