Birch Class
Autumn, term 2

P.E. days: Monday and Wednesday
Homework is due in on Wednesdays and reading at home is always encouraged.

Maths

In maths pupils will be learning:
Year 5: Fractions, multiplication and division.
Year 6: Fractions, Converting Units and Ratio.

English

This term, pupils will be writing and learning about writing a narrative, non-chronological report and a poem.
We will be exposed to the below texts:
-Cosmic by Cottrell Boyce
-The Origin of Species by Sabrina Radeva
-Moth by Isabel Thomas
-Tom's Midnight Graden by Phillippa Pearce
-Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

History

French Revolution

Children will explore the causes and events of the French Revolution, including inequality, the fall of King Louis XVI, and Napoleon's rise to power. They'll learn about key battles like Trafalgar and Waterloo, Admiral Nelson's leadership, and Napoleon's eventual exile after his attempts to dominate Europe.

Geography

North America

Pupils are exploring North America's geography, discovering how the continent spans from the Arctic to the equator. They learn how rivers support life and transport, how human activity impacts waterways, and how urbanisation in large cities creates challenges. This builds understanding of physical and human geography.

Art

Renaissance architecture and sculpture

This unit builds on prior learning about the Italian Renaissance. Pupils study Brunelleschi, Ghiberti, and Michelangelo, exploring architecture, relief and classical sculpture. They compare Renaissance and modern sculpture, deepening understanding of artistic techniques and historical influence.

Science

Classification of living things

Pupils will explore how plants and animals grow and change, including metamorphosis and reproduction. They'll learn about ecosystems, life cycles, and scientific roles. Key scientists like David Attenborough and Jane Goodall will be studied, highlighting their work in understanding and sharing the wonders of the natural world.

French

My Home

By the end of this unit, pupils will be able to confidently describe their homes in French, both orally and in writing. They will learn to talk about where they live and identify which rooms they have or do not have, developing key vocabulary and sentence structures for communication.

Music

Developing Ensemble skills

In this unit, pupils will build on their experience of playing and singing in a group. They'll develop confidence by reading notated music, using dynamics and expression to bring performances to life. Playing together as an ensemble, they'll focus on listening carefully and responding musically to others around them.

PSHE

Celebrating difference

Pupils are exploring different views of what it means to be 'normal', understanding experiences of being different, recognising how power can be misused, identifying various forms of bullying, and learning about the lives and challenges of people with disabilities. These insights help build empathy, respect, and inclusive attitudes.

RE

Being Human: Hinduism

Pupils learn that people express beliefs and values through creativity. Some religious and non-religious individuals use art, while others avoid depicting sacred figures due to their beliefs or traditions.

PE

Dance and Fitness

This term in dance, pupils are focussing on developing idea or theme into dance choreography. Pupils will learn how to use movement to convey ideas.

In fitness, pupils will take part in an arrange of activities where they will take part in a range of activities that explore and develop different areas of their health.

Computing

Variables in games

Pupils will explore variables in programming using Scratch. They'll learn how variables work, apply them to create a scoreboard, and follow the Use-Modify-Create model to build their own projects. Through design and experimentation, they'll improve their games and deepen their understanding of how variables affect gameplay and outcomes.