



Birch Class Topic Information - Term 1 2018



Art- In art, we will be exploring different patterns that we can make by weaving paper and wool. We will look at how farmers weave branches to create a strong hedge and we will weave our own willow fences.

Design Technology - We will explore where food comes from and how it gets from the field to our plates. We will weigh and measure ingredients to make our own loaves of soda bread.

Music - In music, we will explore ways of using our voices and bodies and expressively. We will also learn basic notation and how to play the recorder.

Science - In science, we will be looking at what wonderful bodies we have. We will investigate using our senses and find out what we need to stay alive and be healthy.

Computing - We will be learning how to stay safe when using technology and how to communicate with others, safely. We will also be learning about how, if something we see does not feel right, we need to talk to an adult we trust.

PSHE - In our personal, social and health education will be using the NSPCC resource, Pantasaurus, to learn how to keep our private body parts private (see separate letter). We will also look at how to keep ourselves fit and healthy.

R.E - In our R.E lessons, we will learn about how God always keeps his promises and how he can help us to keep our promises too.

P.E- This term, our P.E will be on a Monday and a Thursday. Monday will be gymnastics and Thursday will be learning skills to play games outside, weather permitting. Please ensure your child's P.E kit and plimsolls/trainers are kept in school until the end of term.

English - In English, the children will be learning how to write labels, lists and captions. They will learn some list poems and use these to write their own poem. They will use the story of The Little Red Hen to learn about traditional tales.

Maths - This term, our maths learning will consist of: Securing fluency to 20, place value: making 10 and some more, place value: regrouping two-digit numbers, counting on and back in ones and tens from any given number, representing, ordering and comparing numbers to 100 and quantities of measure, estimation and magnitude, numbers to 20 - mental addition and subtraction and finding complements of 10 and 100 including measures.

Home Learning

Reading - We encourage the children to try and read at home every night. When reading, please encourage them to tell the story, using the pictures, to help their understanding, and discuss the story afterwards, asking questions, to ensure they have understood. Please make a comment in their reading record.

Spelling - Every Friday, the children will be given spellings to learn. These will relate to the letter patterns taught in school, that week. The children will be tested on these, on the following Thursday.

Maths - Sometimes, the children will also have some maths learning in their home learning books. This will relate to the learning that has happened, in class, that week.

Spelling and maths home learning is due in on the Thursday after it is given.

Children will also be given at least one Brain Builder each half term. The due in date will be on the instructions.

Gravity Fields

There will be several events happening during the week of Gravity Fields. On Tuesday 25th September, we will be joining Oak Class for our class assembly. On Thursday 27th September, we will be taking part in a Gravity Fields Discovery Morning, in Grantham. On Friday 28th September, we will be visiting Woolsthorpe Manor, with Oak Class (more information to follow). Finally, on the evening of Saturday 29th September, Dudley House School will be taking part in the Gravity Fields Voyages of Discovery.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to come in and see us.

Kind Regards

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