



Birch Class Topic Information - Spring Term 1 2019



Geography - Our topic, this term, is Chembakolli. We will look at India and find where it is on a map. We will focus on one small village and learn about the lives of the people that live there and compare with our lives in the UK. We will link to our science topic on materials, by making our own mud bricks.

Art - In art, we will be making sculptures. We will explore different types of lizards before designing our own. We will initially sculpt it, using aluminium foil, before creating using Model Magic.

Design Technology - We will design a blanket for a model elephant. We will use our skills to dye material before stitching and adding sequins.

Music - In music, the children will be introduced to famous pieces to stimulate their own composition. They will interpret a storyboard with sound effects, and develop their own ideas using voices and percussion. They will also be exploring steady beat and rhythm patterns.

Science - In science, the children will be investigating materials. They will look at natural and man-made materials and their suitability for various purposes.

Computing - We will be learning how to create a presentation linked to our topic on Chembakolli.

PSHE - In our personal, social and health education will be discussing feelings. We will also be asking, what do you think? Both of these will be covered through discussions across the curriculum.

R.E - In our R.E lessons, we will be learning about Jesus, the trustworthy stories, and learning about some of the stories he told.

P.E - This term, our P.E will be on a Monday and a Thursday. Monday will be gymnastics and Thursday will be dance, where we will be learning traditional folk dances from both Britain and India. 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 about traditional tales from other cultures, using stories from India. They will also be writing reports and creating and performing poetry.

Maths - This term, our maths learning will consist of: money, comparison (difference, more, less, fewer), estimating and measuring using different scales, statistics using block graphs, pictograms, tables and tally charts and applying their increasing knowledge to mental and written calculations.

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

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.

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

Kind Regards

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