



Birch Class Topic Information - Summer Term 1 2019



Our topic, this term, is caring for pets.

Science - In science, the children will be learning about caring for animals and how to provide their basic needs. From the information they learn, they will design their 'perfect pet'. We will visit a pet shop to find the necessary equipment for a chosen pet. Our investigation will be to find the most absorbent paper to clear up a puppy's little accident!

Art- We will look at the work of a variety of artists and will use digital media to create different textures, lines, tones, colours and shapes in the style of the artists covered.

Music - In music, we will develop our vocabulary and understanding of pitch movements, exploring pitch through singing, tuned percussion and listening games. We will have opportunities to create descriptive sounds and word rhythms with raps and songs about the weather.

Computing - We will learn how to create databases and graphs, using technology. We will create our own branching database to identify animals.

PSHE -Our personal, social and health education will link to our science topic of caring for pets. We will also learn how we can be good with money.

R.E - In our R.E lessons, we will be learning about the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

P.E - This term, our P.E will be on a Monday and a Thursday. Monday will be Dance and Thursday will be outdoor P.E, learning skills for sports day. 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 animal creation stories. We will read the stories of How the Zebra got its Stripes, How the Camel got its Hump and How the Birds got their Colours before writing their own animal creation story.

Maths - This term, our maths learning will consist of multiplication, division and fractions.

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/or 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 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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