

Birch class summer newsletter



English

This summer, we will be starting a book called *The Great Paper Caper* by Oliver Jeffers. This story follows a full-scale investigation into the mysterious disappearance of tree branches. We'll take on the role of detectives, writing about the crime, identifying possible suspects, and planning how to catch the culprit.

In reading, we'll also be diving into *The Thames and Tide Club* by Katya Balen. Join us on an exciting adventure as we search for treasures that have washed up along the shores.

PE

On Mondays, the children will be learning how to play tennis. They will develop their hand-eye coordination, agility, balance, gross and fine motor skills, and spatial awareness.

On Wednesdays, Mr. Andrews will be teaching netball.

On Fridays, Year 3 children will be going swimming at Shrewsbury School.

Art

Birch will be creating their own 3D stick art inspired by the book *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. In this exciting unit, we will explore how a variety of materials can be used creatively in art.

History

In History, Birch will be learning about Florence Nightingale and her medical achievements. We will explore what she did, what hospitals were like during her time, and why she faced opposition to her work.

If you have any questions about the summer term or would like to speak with a class teacher, please feel free to see us at the classroom door at the end of the school day.

Math

This term, we will be investigating mass. We'll compare the mass of different objects and learn about the units people use to measure mass. After this, we'll move on to exploring volume and capacity.

We'll also spend time consolidating our prior learning. We'll begin by focusing on addition and subtraction, followed by practice with multiplication and division.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about how family life and festivals reflect what matters to Jewish people. Children will identify and describe ways in which Jewish people show their faith. They will also explore how Jewish beliefs are expressed both at home and within the wider community.

Computing

Birch will be programming repetition in games with Mr Andrews.

French

In French, Birch will be learning about singular and plural nouns and how to talk about different foods.

We will learn how to identify cognates and near cognates, use the correct definite articles when naming French fruits, express opinions using plural nouns, and read and say amounts of money in French.

Reading

Please continue to support daily reading at home for 10–15 minutes. In class, we are making a big push to foster a love of reading by encouraging children to stick with a book and experience the full story. We're also promoting the sharing of favourite books to help build a whole-class love of reading.