

Birch Class Autumn 1 Curriculum

English

We are studying the book 'Troll Swap', building up our writing skills to write our own version of the story. We will practise using the basic features of a sentence, capital letters and full stops. We will be studying the word classes and will use them in our writing.

Read Write Inc

We are using Read Write Inc phonic scheme across the whole school. We will be using the systematic synthetic phonics approach to teach the children reading and spelling.

Geography

Our History topic is 'Our Local Community'. During these lessons, we will be learning to use maps, identify geographical features and use simple fieldwork and observational skills.

Art

This half term the topic is 'Spirals'. The children explore how the way they hold a drawing tool, and move their bodies, will affect the drawings they make.

Music

This half term, the children will be receiving music lessons from Shropshire music service. They will focus on beat/rhythm and simple pitch matching and slowly be taught to play the ocarina (year 1) or recorder (year 2).

RE

In RE, the children will be understanding what Christians believe God is like.

Maths

This half term, year 1 will be looking at place value (within 10) and addition and subtraction (within 10). Year 2 will be learning place value (within 100) and addition and subtraction (within 100).

Science

Our science topic is 'Animals including humans'. Children will identify and name a variety of animals; describe and compare structures of animals and look at parts of the human body and our senses.

PE

This half term, the children will have their lessons on Tuesday and Thursday. The focus will be on dance (Tuesday) and football (Thursday).

PSHE

The focus this half term will be the roles of different people; families and feeling cared for.

Computing

The children will be looking at how IT is used around school, at home and in the wider community.

Supporting learning at home

Reading- your child will bring home a reading book that will include the sounds we have been learning in school. If your child has a free reader book this can be read at home, It is also great to share other books from home with your child. Reading should be recorded in the child's reading diary.

Spelling (for children not on the RWI scheme) - spelling tests will be every Friday. Children will bring home their spelling lists to practise.