

BIRCH CLASS

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English

Toys in Space - Pathways to Write

In this exciting writing unit, pupils explore the imaginative story Toys in Space by Mini Grey. Through role play, discussion, and creative writing, children develop their storytelling skills by describing characters and settings, writing in role, and creating their own space-themed narratives. The unit focuses on building vocabulary, sentence structure, and narrative techniques while encouraging creativity and a love of writing.

Maths

To start the year, we will be working on place value and addition and subtraction. It is vital we gain a good understanding in these core areas of maths so we can use them as a foundation to support our future learning in maths. We are aiming to become fluent in our understanding place value in numbers up to 100 and 1,000. We will be practicing counting in patterns and making sure we have good recall of our number bonds.

Art and DT

In art we will be creating gestural drawing with charcoal. Children will discover how to make drawings that capture a sense of drama or performance using charcoal.

In DT we will be exploring structures by designing and building Baby Bear their own chair. In this unit, the children will be investigating how to create rigid structures and how to attach materials together.

History and Geography

We will be starting the year with a geography unit called 'Where on Earth?'. During this unit of learning, children will learn about the continents, oceans, major forests, mountain ranges, deserts and rivers of the world, as well as the locations of different countries around the world.

After half-term, we will be moving on to a unit about The Great Fire of London. We will learn about when and where the fire started, why the fire spread so quickly, how people tried to put out the fire, what happened after the fire was put out, and what life was like for people living in London at that time.

PE

This year, our PE days are Monday and Wednesday, please ensure children come to school PE-ready on these days.

On Mondays, we will be learning and practicing a class dance. We will be focusing on rhythm and controlling our movements. We look forward to showcasing all of our moves during the school dance performance.

On Wednesdays, we will be taking part in 'Reading the Game' which is a 6 week football course ran by Shrewsbury Town football club. This exciting course combines football activities with literacy learning, helping to develop teamwork, confidence and reading skills in a fun and engaging way.

PSHE

To start the year, we will be learning about what it means to be a good friend and how we can build friendships within a new class. We will be thinking about how our behaviour can impact others and how we can go out of our way to be kind to others.

Computing

On Wednesdays, Mr Andrews will be teaching computing. The children will be learning how to programme different events and actions using Scratch. Following this the children will be creating their own animations using different software.

Science

This term, our Year 2/3 scientists will be exploring Forces and Magnets. Children will investigate different pushes and pulls, learn about magnetic and non-magnetic materials, and carry out practical investigations to discover how magnets work. Later in the term, we will move on to Light, where children will learn about different light sources, how shadows are formed, and how light helps us to see the world around us. Through hands-on experiments, they will develop their scientific enquiry skills and curiosity about the world.

RE

In RE we will be learning about 'What makes some places sacred to believers?'. Children will explore why certain places are special and sacred to people of faith. They will learn about places of worship, including churches and other religious buildings, and discover how these places help believers feel close to God. Through stories, discussion, and visits or virtual tours, children will reflect on what makes a place special and compare sacred places with places that are important in their own lives.