



# Birch Newsletter

## Autumn 1 Term 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

**School photos;**

Friday 22nd

September.

Harvest celebrations in the final week before half term.



General Class News:

We've had a great start to the Autumn term in Birch Class! The pupils have settled in well in their new class and we are looking forward to the year ahead!

We have enjoyed getting started on our first topic of the year, 'Inventions' where children will be learning about some of the inventions that have changed our world throughout history.

Maths

This term we will start with reading and writing numbers up to 100, and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. A good website for pupils is:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

We will then move on to addition and subtraction then 2D and 3D Shapes.

English

We will start by looking at autobiographies and in particular 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. Student will have a chance to read some and write some autobiographical texts. After half term, students will be looking at some Classic Fiction. They will look at the stories and also the time when these stories were written. They will also be working on Read Write Inc phonics.

## RSHE

Within the Self Awareness unit this term students will be focusing on identifying personal strengths and developing skills for learning. The second unit is part of Self Care, Support and safety. We will explore what might make someone frightened/worried and the strategies to manage this. We will also consider the differences between public and private.

## Science

Pupils will learn the Particle model. They will relate the features of the particle model to the properties of materials in different states. Students will take part in various practical experiments.

## PE

Will be playing a variety of invasion games- sports that involve teamwork and control of an opponent's territory . Chestnut class will have an external coach this half term on Wednesdays.

## Other subjects:

### Design & Technology:

Pupils have begun their design work for our first project, 'Animal Habitats' in which pupils will be constructing some unique bird boxes in the workshop.

### Outdoor learning:

Pupils will study how the changing of the season and the approach of winter affects local flora and fauna as well as engaging in a variety of outdoor based skills around the school grounds.

## **Any other useful information—**

Don't forget to use the home school book for any daily messages.