



Birch Newsletter

Autumn 2 Term 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

Children in Need –
17th November

Christmas Light Walk –
7th December

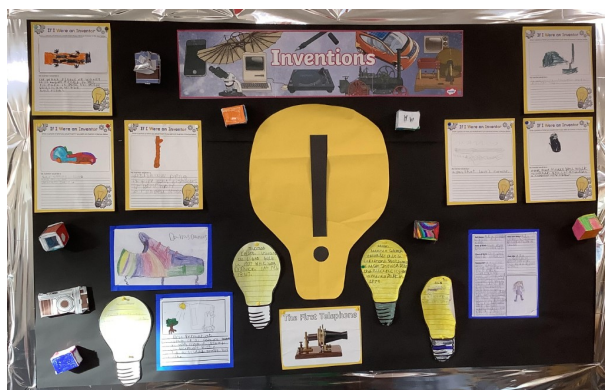
Cromer Church Carol
Service - 18th December

Christmas Dinner Day –
19th December.

General Class News:

Thank you to you all as parents and children for making it a great first half term. All Birch students have work really hard and have already collected lots of house points.

Pupils were studying inventions as part of their first Topic, they enjoyed finding out about some of the worlds most famous inventions, including the light bulb, the shoe last and even making some aeroplanes like the Wright brothers.



Maths

This term in Maths we will carry on with addition and subtraction. We will also look at 2 D and 3 D shapes. Pupils will learn to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. They will also look at properties of shapes including key vocabulary.

Good websites that pupils can use:

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/addition.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2>



English

In English we are going to start with a new topic “Classic Fiction” and we are going to focus on “A Christmas Carol “ story. Pupils are going to do activities around the story. They will be able to recall, sequence , retell and talk about this lovely story.

We will also carry on reading every day.

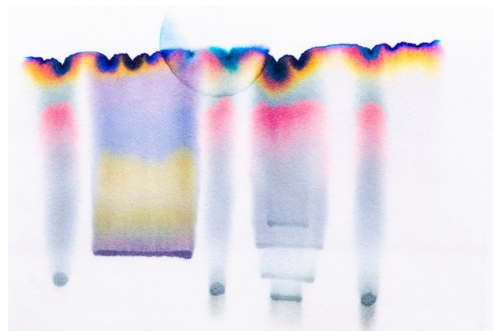
RSHE

This term in RSHE we will explore what it means to be frightened or worried and we will learn simple strategies we can use if we are feeling frightened or worried.

We will also be looking at how to take care of our bodies and keep them safe.

Science

This term in science we are going to be learning and practising different techniques for separating mixtures. We will learn about filtration, distillation chromatography and other methods to separate mixtures depending on their properties.



PE

During this half term lessons will be moving into the gym where students will learn the basic skills of Basketball. We will be looking at dribbling, passing and shooting techniques. We will then look to put all these skills together and play a mini game following the rules. The other PE lesson will be from a local tennis coach and learning about the skills needed for indoor tennis.

Other subjects:

Outdoor Learning

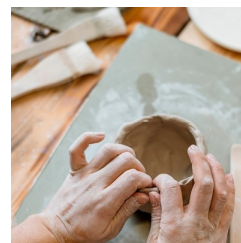
In outdoor learning we are going to carry on doing a lot of fun activities outside. This term we will focus on creating images using natural materials. We will be also looking at language to describe feelings and experiences.



We will do art Christmas decorations using different natural materials (twigs, leaves..)

Art

In art we will practice and refine drawing techniques. They will also learn how to mould, join and shape clay into basic shapes.



Any other useful information

Good websites for pupils to practice phonics and high frequency words:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/parents/what-is-phonics>

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

Please do not forget to use the home school book.