



Birch Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

Safe Internet Day -
Tuesday 6th February
World Book Day -
Thursday 7th March



General Class News:

Birch Class have enjoyed a fantastically exciting Autumn Term. We've enjoyed learning about the Polar Regions in Topic and used this to inspire our decoration of the class Christmas Tree. We also had a starring role in the School Carol Concert!

In the Spring Term we are looking forward to our show at Cromer Pier. Last year, 'Rockpool' was such a success that we cannot wait for 'Plastic Pirates'!

Our Topic this term will look at Africa. We will find out where it is and look at its geographical features including volcanoes and earthquakes!

Maths

Pupils will focus on three main areas money, making the same amounts with notes and coins and calculating change. Multiplication and division, looking at equal groups and key terms such as doubling, halving, odd and even. Then measures, where we find the length, and work on volume and capacity.

English

In Literacy this half term students will be looking at stories that have a spooky setting. They will be reading and creating their own stories, working on using descriptive techniques. They will also be looking at sentence punctuation and apostrophes. After half term we will be looking at one of the Shakespeare's stories. The students will look at the storyline and some of the characters in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

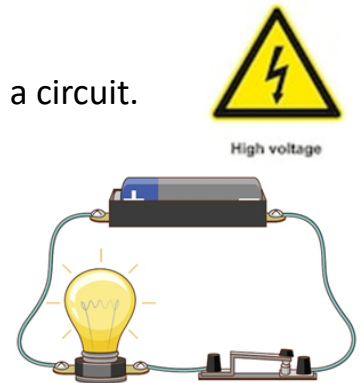
RSHE

This term we will explore the different ways you use the internet and how to do this safely. We will consider what we see online and the impacts of this. We will explore some of the different stages of change as people progress from birth to adulthood (physical, emotional, social). Finally we consider different kinds of friendship and ways in which friendship is important.

Science

Compare the voltage drop across resistors connected in series in a circuit. Identify some everyday examples of electricity – where and how we use it. Recognise the dangers of electricity.

How to draw and then set up a simple series circuit, and the names of all the components in the circuit.



PE

This term pupils will be practicing for the school cross country race as well as engaging in handball, gymnastics, appropriate level racket sports, and finally dance exercises such as aerobics, zumba.

Other subjects:



Art

The pupils will be producing 2D and 3D art work based about south American art, using a variety of media. They will also study the artist Vincent Van Gogh and use his unique painting technique to create landscapes of their own.

RE

This term we will look at the Holy Trinity. We will look at the Holy Bible and discuss how it might make a difference to the way a Christian lives their life. We will also look at the symbol of the cross and what it means to Christians.

Food Technology

Theory lessons will look at the different sources of food staples, how they are grown and harvested. Whilst cooking pupils will be investigating the different uses of rice and pasta in national dishes as well as cultural and seasonal cuisine.