



Birch Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2023-24



Dates for your Diary:

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Half Term

Monday 27th May -

Friday 31st May

General Class News:

During Spring Term, Birch played an important part in the 'Plastic Pirates' pier show, helping to choreograph the songs! In DT lessons, the pupils have made some fantastic boats and lighthouses, linking in to the 'pirate' theme! The pupils coped really well with lots of changes whilst Mr Smith was absent. Well done all! We're looking forward to our Summer Term, where Birch Class will help to organise our Strandfest Arts Festival!

Maths

This term, Birch will carry on learning 2D and 3D shapes, then they will focus on learning all about money. They will be able to count pence and pounds, choose notes and coins, make the same amount, calculate money and find change.



English

In Literacy students will initially be looking at some traditional poetry, for example 'The Highway Man'. They will be looking at how the poems are written as well as what they are about. Later in the term, they are going to be doing a unit on 'Heroes and Superheroes' and will have a chance to make up their own superhero as well as look at some that feature in books. They will be learning how to write instructions.

RSHE

We will focus on recognising the different elements of a healthy lifestyle including a focus on dental health and healthy eating. Next we explore Mental Wellbeing and consider how people may feel things differently, and identify strategies to help ourselves if worried or stressed. The second half of the term focuses on self esteem. This will include how we can improve our self esteem and how things other people say might affect how we feel about ourselves.

Science

Photosynthesis – explore the process that plants go through to make food by using sunlight and chlorophyll to turn water and carbon dioxide into nutrients. It produces glucose and oxygen necessary for human survival. Digestion - look at the digestive system journey, describing how humans break down food. Label the seven parts to the digestive system.

PE

Before the half term break pupils will be practicing a variety of athletics events in preparation for sports day. After the break they will be taking part in a variety of different field games.

Other subjects:

Topic: This term we will look at historical discoveries that have been found on our very own beaches. Later we will look at how seaside holidays have changed throughout history and explore 'land use maps' to spot changes over time.

Art: The pupils will study the Impressionists and their style and techniques of painting and drawing to produce their own artwork of the local environment. The second half term will focus on making props for Strandfest.

Music and Drama: The pupils will be using Charanga to continue to develop their musical skills. They will also practice and rehearse for their 'Strandfest' performance based upon the elements.

Computer Science: Animation - use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using tablets. Apply those skills to create a story-based animation. Add other types of media to their animation, such as music and text. Programming using the software Scratch to introduce, selection (if, and else), variables and sequences.

Outdoor Learning: During the hopefully better weather of the summer term the students will be engaging in a variety of gardening tasks. They will also be investigating the huge range of minibeasts that can be found on site.

Food Technology: In the first half term students will be cooking recipes using a variety of different pulses and beans as well as learning something about their origins. After half term they will learn how to make a selection of different salads and dressings, perfect for healthy summer lunches.