



Birch Class Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff:

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you've all had a lovely, relaxing summer and are ready for the new academic year ahead. We are so excited to have all the children back in school, they have already showed us that they are enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Class Topic: Food Glorious Food!

This half term we will be exploring the question 'Where does our food come from?'. We will be using our senses to explore and taste all kinds of wonderful foods from around the world. We will be carrying out our own research and use maps to help us gain a better understanding of the journey our food takes before it gets to us. We will also be exploring why some foods only grow in certain countries.



Science: Animals including humans- About me.

In this unit, children will begin their journey of learning about themselves and their bodies. The unit begins with a focus on our senses and the basic parts of the human body. As we journey through the unit, learners will discover the changes our body makes as we grow and also how humans can mimic nature.

Maths: Place Value

This half term in maths we will be focusing on place value. We will revisit reading and writing numbers and



understand place value using hundreds, tens and ones. We will be sorting, counting and comparing objects and numbers and looking at the different ways number can be represented.

We will also be counting forwards and backwards and finding one more and one less than a number. Year 2 children will look at ten more and ten less and revisit knowledge of counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s from any number, forwards and backwards.

English:

In English we will be reading the text 'Pattan's Pumpkin' by Chitra Soundar. We will be working on using capital letters, full stops and question marks in the correct places. We will focus lots on orally rehearsing our sentences before writing and using our 'Fred Fingers' to help us spell words using phonetic sounds that we know.

We will be using descriptive language to describe the setting, writing letters, we will be using approaches such as a 'role on the wall' to deepen our understanding of characters. and then finish off by writing our own short story and begin to write a class newspaper article.

PHSE

Using the Jigsaw scheme, we will be learning about 'Being me in my world' where we will start by welcoming new children to the class and get to know each other, introducing the new systems, expectations and routines.

RE:

In RE we will be looking at the Bible and the Qur'an. We will look at why they are special and how they should be treated with respect. We will compare the books and read some of the stories that are found within them.

How to help your child at home.

Your child's reading book will be changed every **Friday**, they will keep the same reading book for the week. Please listen to your child read their book as often as possible. Listening to your child re read the same book helps with their reading fluency and confidence. Please write a comment in your child's reading record each time they read to show how they are getting on with the book they have been given. Please also encourage them to retell the story that they read or explain the key events.

Days/Dates to remember:

- ◆ PE this term will be on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for these days. School provide a t-shirt and shorts for all children.
- ◆ Homework and spellings will be set on a **Friday** starting next week. Children will have a weekly spelling test. Homework may sometimes be set online through seesaw. Children will be sent home next week with logins to platforms such as edshed and numbots.