



Class Birch Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff: Happy New Year to you all! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready to start the New Year. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term, including our trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

Geography:

We will be exploring the weather and seasons in the UK. We will begin by locating the four countries in the UK. Children will also identify the four compass directions.

Art:

We will use pencils to explore tones, colour, patterns, textures, line, shape, form and space.
We will also create 3D sculptures using paper mache.

Science:

Animals Including Humans
We will learn how to identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will learn how to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals.

Maths:



Year 1 children will begin to learn place value within 20. Children will learn to count to 20 and recognise numerals as words. Children will learn to place numbers to 20 on a number line and then find one more and one less.

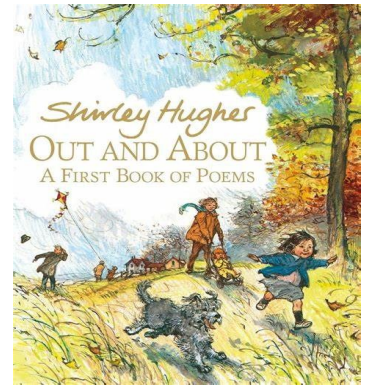
Children will also learn addition and subtraction within 20. This will involve counting on within 20 and finding number bonds to 20. Towards the end of the half term, Children will begin to look at place value within 50.

Year 2 children will begin by learning about money before moving on to Multiplication and Division.

English:

Children will be reading the text 'Out And About' by Shirley Hughes. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of a range of punctuation and grammar.

We will be exploring new vocabulary and figurative language in poetry. Children will use adjectives in a sentence. We will explore rhythm and rhyme in poetry to prepare a performance. We will finish off the half term by planning and writing our own poems.



PHSE: Dreams and Goals

In this unit we will focus on our successes and achievements. We will identify our strengths and how we can help each other to grow and learn.

RE: How can we make good choices?

Children will explore what makes a happy classroom and the importance of rules. Pupils will explore moral codes from Christianity, Judaism and Islam including the Ten Commandments and the Five Pillars and the ways in which Sikhs, Buddhists and Hindus make good choices.

How to help 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 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 **Tuesday** and **Friday**.
- ◆ Homework and spellings are given out every **Friday**.
- ◆ Spellings are handed out on a paper copy, - The weekly spelling test is on **Friday**.