

Class Birch Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff: We do hope you have had a restful and enjoyable half term. We are looking forward to another exciting half term ahead. Please take a few minutes to catch up on our latest news and all of the exciting things that the children will be learning about this half term.

<u>History:</u>

We will be exploring flight and travel. Children will learn who the Wright brothers were and why they were so significant.

<u>DT:</u>

Children will follow a design criteria to create a stable structure using different tools and equipment. Children will begin to use the iterative design cycle through designing, testing and evaluating their product.

<u>Science:</u>

Everyday Materials

In this unit, children are continuing their learning around everyday materials. We will be building a structure which can withstand wind. We will explore waterproof materials. Children will identify suitable materials for different objects.

<u>Maths:</u>

In year 1, children will be



continuing their learning on numbers within 20. We will be continuing with addition and subtraction within 20 before moving onto place value within 50. We will also be learning about length and height towards the end of the term.

In year 2, children will be continuing with the multiplication and division topic before beginning their units on measurement including length and height, and mass, temperature and capacity.

<u>English:</u>

In English, key stage 1 are reading The Adventures of Egg Box dragon by Richard Adams. We will continue to focus on our development of transcription by writing sentences containing known phonics sounds. We will be taking part in lots of different writing opportunities through shared and modelled writing including personal narratives, instructions, persuasive writing and information writing.



PHSE/ My Happy Mind

Healthy Me/ Meet Your Brain

In this unit, children explore making healthy life choices and why this is important. We will also explore medicine safety and road safety.

RE:

How and why people pray

In this unit, we will be exploring the importance of prayer for some people and religions.

Children will explore why people might pray and how this looks in different religions.

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 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 they key events.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE this term will be on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Homework and spellings are given out every Friday.
- Spellings are handed out on a paper copy, The weekly spelling test is on Friday.