



7th June 2018

To Birch Class Parents

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back! We hope that you had a restful half term break and that the children are looking forward to the term ahead. Below is an outline of this term's curriculum.

In Maths, the children will be extending their knowledge of decimals, fractions and percentages. This will include comparing and ordering, rounding, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will continue to learn about the different equivalents of fractions, decimals and percentages and relationships between them. They will also be learning about data handling and statistics. This will include different forms of presenting, collecting and analysis.

In Literacy, this term's main text will be 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and we will be using this as a basis for our guided reading and writing lessons. The children will be responding to illustrations, writing diaries, instructions, newspaper articles and letters. They will also use drama and role play to interact with the text, and create maps and images to reflect their own depiction of settings and characters.

In spelling, grammar and punctuation, we will continue to extend the children's knowledge of the different types of sentences and clauses. They will be learning about different forms of determiners, exploring the use of 1st and 3rd person and cohesion across a text. We will also be studying past perfect and present perfect tenses.

The new Science topic is Sound, this will include learning about how sounds are made and how they travel. The children will plan and carry out investigations and will also be making a variety of musical instruments. The Science Museum website has fun activities and games, which would enhance this topic.

Our topic this term is 'Life Since 1948,' the children will be identifying some of the main changes in Britain since this year. They will research similarities and differences throughout the decades and study specific events and features of the 50's, 60's, 70's 80's and 90's. During the unit, they will be learning about the main political events, music, fashion, family life and technological development throughout this period.

This links to Art, in which the children will be inspired by Pop Art. They will look at the work of artists Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol and Peter Blake. They will learn the different techniques used to create some artwork and emulate this within their own. Photography and digital media will form part of this unit, along with skills such as pointillism, collage and mixing different media.

P.E. lessons for year 4 will continue to be tennis and, weather permitting, the children will continue to run/walk a mile. We will also be preparing for our annual school sports day. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school every day.

Homework will be set as per the school newsletter. A sheet will be sent home this week outlining the new format and providing ideas but weekly spellings will continue as previously. The children are also expected to learn their times table and read daily at home. We recommend that they read independently daily and to an adult three times a week if possible. Can you please sign and date the times when they have read in the contact/ reading record book so that this can be rewarded through our class incentive 'Reading Racers' and the whole school project 'Buster's Book Club.'

We thank you again for the continued support you give to your children and to us. We look forward to an exciting term 6!

Yours sincerely

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