

Mathematical skills and development

Year 1

As mathematicians, we will be building on our knowledge of numbers to 10 and extending this knowledge to the place value of numbers to 20 and then 50. We will be using the vocabulary tens, ones, more than, greater than, less than and fewer than to compare and order numbers.

Year 2

As mathematicians, we will be building on our knowledge of place value for numbers up to 100 and using this knowledge to add and subtract 2 digit numbers. Later in the term, we will begin our multiplication and division unit. The children have all been given a Times Table Rockstars log in to use at home. This website is a great way for your child to consolidate their multiplication knowledge and build fluency when recalling. All year 2 children need to be confident with recalling the 10, 2 and 5 timetables by the end of Spring Term.

Music

As musicians, we will be exploring 'How music makes the World a better place?' We will be looking at pieces of music called 'Maple Leaf Rag' and 'Rainbows'. We will also have opportunities to play the Glockenspiel and Ukulele.

Computing

As programmers, we will be programming a robot and creating algorithms. Later in the term, we will be focusing on data collection and producing pictograms.

English skills and development

As creative writer's, we will be building on our knowledge of writing sentences by using a range of conjunctions to extend our sentences. We will also be developing our use of punctuation to include not just a full stop, but exclamation and question marks. We will be reading and learning a variety of texts which will include Everything Weather, Shape Poetry and diary writing.

The children in year 1 will continue with Phonics Bug Phase 5 sounds and year 2 children will continue learning alternative spelling patterns and guided reading sessions.

We encourage all our children in Birch to read regularly at home and would appreciate your support with this. Please record your child's reading in their Reading Record and make sure your child has their reading book and record each day.

Please also could you continue to support your child with their handwriting skills and learning their spellings at home. This support is valuable to your child, as these are skills which they use on a daily basis.

World Views, British Values and PSHE

As members of our community, we will be focusing on the key questions 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?' and 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'

Through our PSHE programme, Jigsaw, we will be focusing on Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

PE/Games

As athletes, we will be focusing on Multi-skills which includes sending and receiving which are important skills for playing games.

Later in the term, we will be learning a dance routine to music and understanding the importance of performance.

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History and Geography

As historians, we will be exploring the events of Pompeii and 'How we know so much about what happened in Pompeii over 2000 years ago?'

As geographers, we will be focusing on the weather in the UK and around the World and focusing on the key question 'How does the weather affect our lives?'

Design Technology and Art

As artists, we will be developing our drawing skills by using different mediums like charcoal and pencil to explore lines, texture and shape.

As technologists, we will be linking our Science learning with DT to design and make a healthy wrap/sandwich.

Science

As scientists, we will be using skills of observation to identify Seasonal Changes throughout the year. This term, we will be observing how the fields around our village change from Winter to Spring

Alongside this, we will be learning about Animals including humans and learning about what it means by 'eating a balanced diet'. The children will be learning about different food groups, the importance of a healthy diet and exercise, and having good personal hygiene.