

Mathematical skills and development

Year 1

As mathematicians, we will be counting and recognising numbers up to 20. We will be solving questions like 'What is 1 more than 14?' and 'Can you say what is 1 less than 8?' We will be ordering and comparing objects and numbers, using vocabulary like greater, more, less, fewer, equal to.

Year 2

As mathematicians, we will be learning the place value of two digit numbers, adding and subtracting one more/less from any two digit number and counting in twos, fives and tens. We will also be using concrete resources to add and subtract from a two digit number.

Music

As musicians, we will be exploring 'How does music help us to make friends?'

We will also be exploring the musical instruments and sounds of Brazil.

English skills and development

As creative writer's, we will be building up our skills of saying a simple sentence and writing it using the phonic knowledge which we have already learnt. We will also be developing our understanding of what a sentence needs e.g capital letter, finger spaces and punctuation. We will be reading and learning a variety of texts which will include Find Your Happy, Traditional Tales and Meerkat Mail.

The children in year 1 will continue with Phonics Bug Phase 5 sounds and year 2 children will consolidate their Phonics Bug learning with regular spelling learning throughout the week.

We encourage all our children in Birch to read regularly throughout the week 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.

Computing

As programmers, we will be exploring the technology around us and how we can keep safe when using IT, especially when we're online.

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 Christmas matter to Christians?'

Through our PSHE programme, Jigsaw, we will be focusing on 'Being Me in Our World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

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PE/Games

As athletes, we will be focusing on the skills needed for invasion games like basketball and netball.

Later in the term, we will be focusing on Health and Fitness and finding out how we can keep ourselves healthy both in our minds and body.

History and Geography

As historians, we will be exploring the key question 'What does it take to be a Great Explorer?'

As geographers, we will be discussing the key question 'Why does it matter where our food comes from?'

Design Technology and Art

As artists, we will be using the medium of clay to sculpt animals.

As technologists, we will be learning about structures and designing a chair for Baby Bear from Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

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 Summer into Autumn.

Alongside this, we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats. We will be classifying animals into their animal groups and identifying whether the animals are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. Later in the term, we will be exploring how animals are better suited to some habitats and how these animals survive. We will also be explaining how animals obtain their food using a simple food chain.