



Year 3/4 Birch Class Information Evening



A Typical Week....

Birch Class Timetable - Autumn 2026

Day	8:45-9:05	9:05-9:40	9:40-10:25	10:25-10:40	10:40-10:55	10:55-12:00	12:00-13:00	13:00-13:15/30	13:15/30 - 14:00	14:00-14:45	14:45-15:15
Mon	EM-	English-Reading	English-Writing	Spelling	Break	Maths	Lunch	Maths Mastery	PE	Computing	Assembly
Tues	EM-	English-Reading	English-Writing	Spelling	Break	Maths	Lunch	Change reading books/ Library	Science	Class Assembly	
Wed	EM- new homework	English-Reading	English-Writing	Spelling	Break	Maths	Lunch	Music	History/Geography	Assembly	
Thur	EM-	Visitor Assembly or Reading	English-Writing	Spelling	Break	Maths	Lunch	PSHE	Art/D&T	Assembly or Reading	
Fri	EM-	Celebration Assembly or Assembly & Reading	English-Writing	Spelling	Break	Maths	Lunch	French	RE	PE (45min)	

A 'typical' day:

Morning starter

English - reading comprehension, writing, spelling

Break

Maths

Lunch

Science/RE/History/Geography/Art/PE/Computing

Collective Worship

Home Time

What topics will we cover this Term?

- History - Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age
- Geography - Map skills - Human and Physical features
 - OS Map skills and fieldwork
- Science - Rocks
 - Animals including Humans
- RE - What can Christians learn from the Creation Story?
 - What is the Trinity?
- Computing - E-Safety, Connecting Computers
 - Programming - sequencing sound



What topics will we cover this Term?

- PSHE - Me and My Relationships
 - Valuing difference
- Art - Drawing and Painting
 - Printmaking
- D&T - Textiles
 - Food and Nutrition
- French - Greetings and the classroom
 - Colours, emotions and numbers
- Music - Singing
 - untuned percussion - mastering rhythm



English

Reading

Building stamina and independence as well as Reading for Pleasure

Comprehension strategies:

Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval, Sequence/Summary

Writing

Text composition and effect:

poetry, 1st person narrative description, non-chronological reports, formal letters to complain, dialogue through narrative

Spelling - spelling patterns, Year 3 and 4 common words

Punctuation, Grammar (GAP) & Handwriting - mostly included in writing lessons

Reading at Home

- Children should read or be read to every day
- They should still be reading aloud to an adult, as well as reading independently
- Talk to your child about what they are reading. Sharing a bedtime story and talking about books will encourage and help your child to develop a love of reading
- The children will have a book band reading book, a class library book, a school library book and a library van book too



Reading Book Information

- Banded reading books are changed once a week on a Tuesday - children are expected to read them more than once to practise fluency and expression and help with comprehension. This also enables them to have read much of the book out loud to an adult at home and gives you an opportunity to talk about what has happened in the book.
- Children are encouraged to independently change their class books when they have finished it. Children can read these books themselves or you can read the book to them.
- If you have listened to your child read, please sign the Home School Diary to let us know (book title or page number and initials).
- Book Band reading books (and class library books) need to be in school every day and taken home at night. Other library books (school and mobile library) should be kept at home and brought in when we are going to change them

Maths

Place Value

Addition and Subtraction

Multiplication and Division

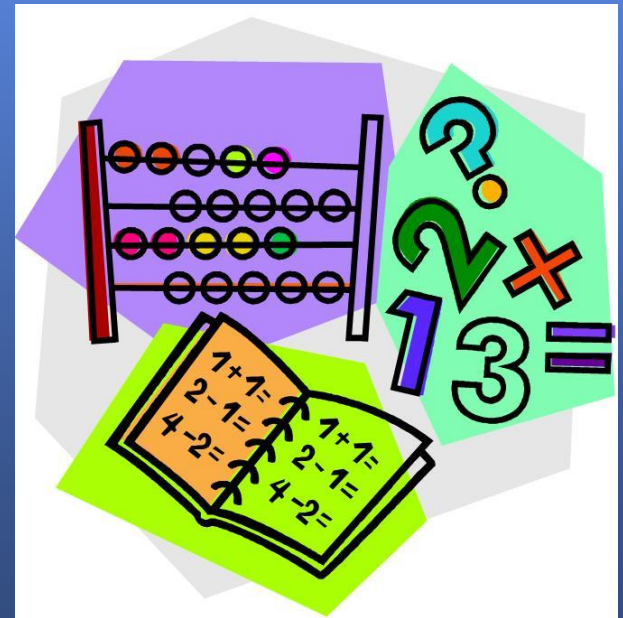
Reasoning

Problem solving

Maths Mastery

fluency and automaticity -

addition/subtraction facts, times tables



P.E / Games

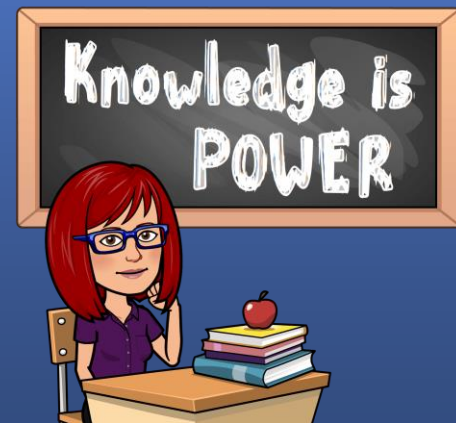


- PE is on Mondays and Fridays
- Please ensure children come wearing the appropriate kit - white T shirt and black shorts/joggers/leggings, blue PE sweatshirt/jumper and dark coloured trainers. (no football shirts, t-shirts with logos etc)
- We have PE inside and outside so the children will need appropriate long trousers and a long sleeved top
- Please ensure hair is tied back and no jewellery (earrings)

Homework

Homework will mostly be on paper:

- It will usually be set on Wednesday and should be completed by the following Wednesday
- Times Tables and Arithmetic/Maths practice
- Spelling and Grammar tasks
- Half termly choice sheet
- Online - IDL for Maths and English
 - 10 minutes 3 times a week
- Should take no more than 1 hour a week for paper based tasks





Daily Routines

- Home School diaries need to be brought in every day.
- Please write messages in the Home School Diary if you need to contact us for anything, including letting us know who children are going home with. Or you can email the office or class email - office if it relates to the same day
- Children should bring in a named water bottle
- Children may bring in a piece of fruit/vegetable or a cereal bar (not chocolate covered) for a snack at breaktime (please remember we are a nut free school)
- Children are encouraged to be more independent - organise themselves, their equipment (including jumpers/coats), check the board, timetable, etc

How to help.....



- Arrive at school on time - we always have starter tasks in the classroom
- Support your child as they complete their homework tasks (but don't do it for them!) **Let us know if they are finding it tricky**
- Practise times tables and mental addition/subtraction
- Encourage your child to read every day

Behaviour

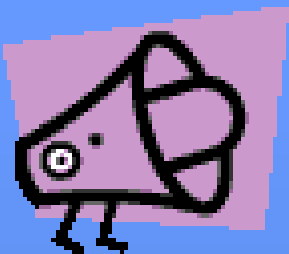


- Our Positive Restorative Approach
Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

Recognition Board

Class Rewards

Celebration Assembly – Hot Chocolate
Fridays



Communication



- Please write messages in the Home School Diary if you need to share any information
- Please come to speak to us (in person, by phoning the office or by email) if you have any concerns about your child - academically or socially - the sooner the better! Equally, if we have concerns about your child's progress, development or well being we will make a point of speaking with you asap.

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Dates for your Diary:
(Please check the Friday flyer and
Newsletters)

Harvest Service - Friday 2nd October

Half Term: week beginning 19th October but
school also closed Friday 16th October

Parents Evenings:
week beginning 23rd November (TBC)



Questions?

