

# Birch Class Autumn | Curriculum Newsletter

## English

This term we will be reading the novel study, 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams & James Weston Lewis. We will be exploring many elements of this, including writing a fact sheet about London and the events of the fire.

Alongside this they will be having a weekly guided reading and spelling session as well as reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

## Science

Our science this term will see us looking at Animals including humans with a focus on identifying food as a source of nutrition and how some living things have muscles and skeletons which help with movement, support and protection.

## History

In history, we will be studying The Great Fire of London. We will be learning about when and where the fire started, why the fire spread so quickly, how people tried to put the fire out and what life was like for people living in London at the time.

## Music

Music lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays delivered by Shropshire Music Service. We are starting off with singing and playing. Year 2 will be learning the ocarina/ folk whistle whilst Year 3 will enjoy learning the recorder.

## Modern Foreign Languages

As Year 3 are now in Key Stage 2, they will be taking part in weekly French lessons. We will start off by looking at different French greetings.

## Maths

In maths, we will be covering place value, number - addition & subtraction and multiplication. We will be following a mastery approach and the children will use a range of skills to solve reasoning and problem-solving style questions.

## Religious Education

In RE, we will be investigating the question, "What makes some places sacred to believers?"

## Art

This term will see us exploring the use of charcoal as a medium to create gestural drawings with a sense of drama.

## P.E

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will be doing a range of dance and games / ball skills on these days. Please come into school with your PE kit on for those days. On Mondays we will be doing a dance unit called 'After Dark' where we will be learning and creating a spooky themed dance to the song Thriller by Michael Jackson.

## Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about programming through events and actions.

## Home support

- Times Table Rockstars (Y3) Numbots (Y2) - please practise at least 3x weekly (logins to be given out)
- Daily reading - please read your school book at least twice and record comments in the reading record so we can change them.

## Welcome message

We hope you have all had a well-deserved rest over summer - it seems so long ago now!

We are all looking forward to a fun and challenging new term with Birch and hope that the children enjoy all of the new topics. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Thomas & Mrs Benyon (Class teachers), Mrs Wiewiora & Mr Parsons (Teaching assistants)