

# Birch Class Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## English

This term we will be reading the novel study, 'Toys In Space' by Mini Grey. We will be exploring many elements of this, including writing a fantasy story about some toys who are taken onto a spaceship.

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.

## Maths

In maths, we will be covering 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.

## Science

Our science this term will see us looking at 'magnets'. We will look at what a force is, what friction is, what a magnet is and investigating the properties and functions of a magnet.

## Religious Education

In RE, we will be investigating the question, 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?'

## Geography

In geography we will be studying Where on Earth? We will be learning about the seven continents, five oceans, deserts, mountain ranges, polar regions, rivers and rain forests. We will use place knowledge to look at similarities and differences between different areas, describe the human and physical features of places and use geographical skills including using atlases and world maps.

## DT

This term will see us exploring structures, with a focus on designing and making a baby bear's chair.

## Music

Music lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays delivered by Shropshire Music Service. We will be focusing on performance. Year 2 will continue learning the ocarina/ folk whistle whilst Year 3 will continue learning the recorder.

## P.E

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will be doing a range of activities including hockey and fitness on these days. Please come into school with your PE kit on for those days.

## Modern Foreign Languages

Year 3 will continue to take part in weekly French lessons. We will be learning French adjectives of colour, size and shape.

## Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about creating media through animation.

## Home support

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

## Welcome message

We hope you have all had a well-deserved rest over half term, it was very much needed as the children have all worked so hard. We are all looking forward to a fun and challenging Autumn 2 half 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 (Class teacher), Mrs Wiewiora & Mr Parsons (Teaching assistants)