

Year 1 Birch Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you all have a fantastic and safe summer! We are very excited to begin the new academic year and start all the hard work whilst having lots of fun. If you have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Birch team. We are happy to help.

LITERACY

This term we will be reading the books: Iggy Peck Architect, Beegu and Meerkat Mail. We will use these books to help us write lots of amazing and imaginative writing pieces, such as fact files and letters. We will also be completing writing activities to help us understand what adjectives and verb are. As well as this, we will be building confidence by reading our work to others and performing poems using a range of actions, chosen by the children.

Key vocabulary:

Actions	adjectives
formation	punctuation
full stops	capital letters
verbs	poems



Mathematics

This half term, we will be using lots of practical activities and in depth discussion to introduce Birch class to Year 1 maths.

We will use a range of different methods to expand our learning of the numbers 1-20, including their formation. This term, we will also be learning how to sort objects into different groups and explaining our answers. During this time, we will be practising our conversation and discussion skills. We will also be discussing 1 more and 1 less than a number and using a range of pictures and questions to demonstrate what happens when numbers become less or more.

Towards the end of the half term we will begin to look at addition in numbers 1-10 using part whole models.

part	whole	formation
numbers		
less	more	addition
counting		
ordering	fewer	greater
1-10		



SCIENCE

This half term in Science we will be looking at 'Animals including humans'. As part of this topic, we will be beginning to look at our own human body and labelling our different body parts. We will then be using completing lots of different activities to learn about the senses and which sense is linked to which body part.

Key Vocabulary:

animals	humans
body	senses
smell	taste
touch	see
hear	



Phonics!

In Year 1, we have a big focus on Phonics! This includes two group sessions a day. In our phonics sessions we will learn and recap a variety of sounds. This includes how to read them, write them, as well as reading and writing them within a word. We also use our phonics sessions as an opportunity to build on our understanding of what we are reading.

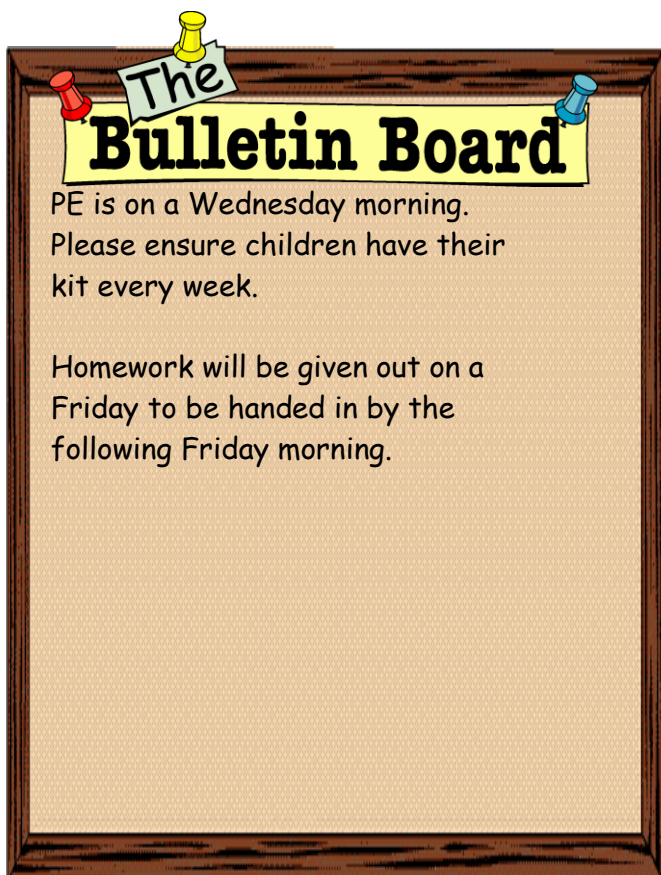


Other Curriculum Areas

PE - This term, we will be focusing on athletic skills, such as the long jump and a variety of relays.

PSHE - This term, we will be reading the book 'Here We Are.' We will then think about how special our Earth is, as well as all the creatures who live here. Children will think about what they like about the Earth and how we can help look after it.

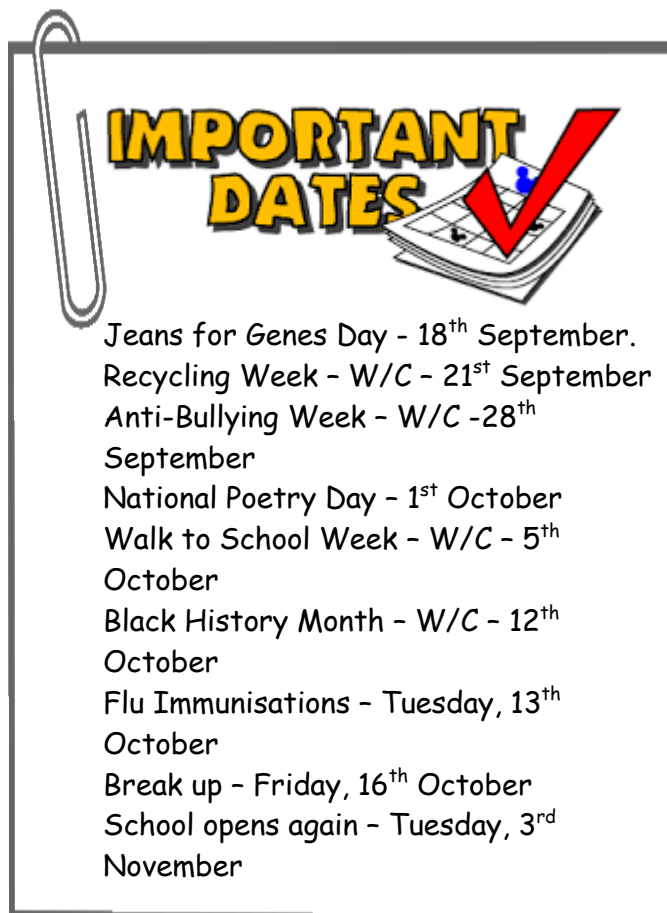
Computing - This term, we will be using the computers to access our new Teams accounts. This will include completing work and homework set by the teacher.



The Bulletin Board

PE is on a Wednesday morning.
Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in by the following Friday morning.



IMPORTANT DATES

Jeans for Genes Day - 18th September.
Recycling Week - W/C - 21st September
Anti-Bullying Week - W/C - 28th September
National Poetry Day - 1st October
Walk to School Week - W/C - 5th October
Black History Month - W/C - 12th October
Flu Immunisations - Tuesday, 13th October
Break up - Friday, 16th October
School opens again - Tuesday, 3rd November

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

E-safety link:

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>



It's time to find out about
Street
Detectives!



Ariel Pictures

We will be learning all about what an ariel picture is. This is when a picture is taken from above. We will discuss how this looks different to a normal picture and even create an ariel floor plan of our own classroom.



Where do I live?

Birch class will also start to think about the importance of an address and what they usually look like. We will do this by looking at our own school address. Children will then create their own passport with an address included.

We will also think about famous addresses, such as Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street.

Human and physical features.

We will also learn what a physical and human feature are and how they are different. A human feature is something that has been made by humans and a physical feature is something that has been made by nature. We will think about what human and physical features we would find in our local area.

Did you know?

London is the capital city of England!