

Year 1 Birch Newsletter Spring 1, 2021

We hope you had a fantastic and safe Christmas and New Year. We are excited to be back, to continue working hard and to have fun. We are sorry we cannot welcome all of you back, but home learning is all set up and you can access it through our TAA Birch Teams page: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>. Your child's log in in their planner. If you require any support, a reminder of the class e-mail is as follows: birch@akroydon.trinitymat.org. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Birch team.

LITERACY

This term, we will be looking at the books *The Queen's Hat* and *Paddington in the Palace*, which will link into our TED learning of 'Bright Lights, Big City.' We will be learning the key features of both books, including how to sequence and retell the story. We will be writing a recount of a story and an adventure story as part of our learning. As always, we will continue to practise writing skills, such as capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and neat handwriting.

Key vocabulary:

Recount, story, sequencing, predictions, retell, author, finger spaces, capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, adjectives, prepositions, time connectives.

Mathematics

This term, we will be practising addition and subtractions between numbers 1-20. We will use a range of practical resources, as well as answering a range of questions. We will also continue to practise subtraction, using a range of techniques and resources.

We will also be securing our knowledge of numbers 1-50 becoming familiar with the numbers and how we write them. This will include comparing two numbers within this range and identifying one more and one less than these numbers.

Key vocabulary:

Addition, subtraction, place value, one more, one less, part, whole, equals, add,



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 will use our phonics sessions as an opportunity to build on our understanding of what we are reading.

SCIENCE

This term in science, we will be learning about plants and animals. This will include identifying plants and animals we would find in our local area. We will also think about what a deciduous and an evergreen tree is and how they are different. We will be completing lots of exciting tests, which will help us with our learning.



Key Vocabulary: plants, animals, deciduous, evergreen, birds, groups.

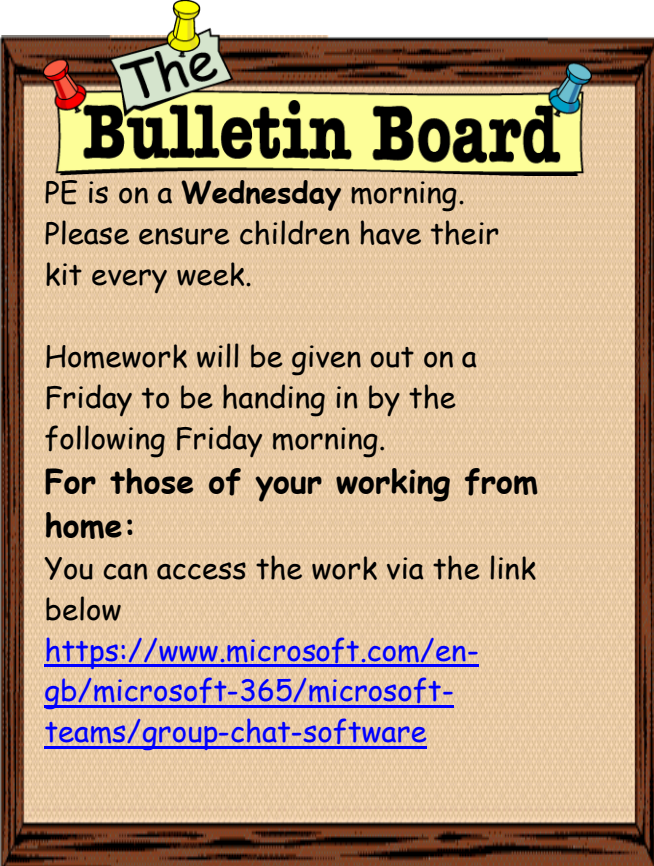


Other Curriculum Areas

PE - This half term in PE, we will be learning the skills of netball, such as shooting and moving correctly. This will also include practising how we work as a team.

PSHE - This term we will be learning about rules and why it is so important we follow them. We will also be thinking about how we care for people and things, such as the environment.

Computing - This term we will be filming our own short cookery programmes. This will include understanding why recipes and sequencing are so important.



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 handing in by the following Friday morning.

For those of your working from home:
You can access the work via the link below
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>



IMPORTANT DATES

- 5.1.2021 - World Braille Day
- 17.1.2021 World Religion Day
- 18.1.2021 - Martin Luther King Day
- 25.1.2021 - Burns' Night
- 1.2.2021 - Storytelling Week
- 1.2.2021 - Children's Mental Health Week
- 8.1.2021 - Individual Learning Plan Meetings
- 9.2.2021 - Safer Internet Day
- 12.02.21 - School closes

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

Bright Lights, Big City!

Old and New

We will be learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We will also be identifying the capital cities of each of these countries and the famous landmarks we would find in these areas. We will recap the learning of human features and physical features by identifying which of these we would find in these capital cities.

Towns or countryside?

In our TED learning, we will also be looking at towns and countryside and how they are different. We will then think about the pros and cons of living in both of these areas. We will use the story of the 'The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse' to help us remember!



Did you know
The capital of England is London, where The Queen lives.