



Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 2

We hope you all had a fantastic October break! We are very excited to continue all of our 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. The best help you can give is to make sure your child attends every day on time. Attending every day enables them to build upon their learning and helps their understanding. Every school day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.

Literacy

This term we will be reading the books *The Amazing Dinosaur Detectives: Amazing facts, myths and quirks of the dinosaur world* by Maggie Li. We will also look at a non-chronological report and different fact files. These texts will help us to write our own non-fiction pieces. In addition, we will also be building our confidence by reading our work to others.

Key vocabulary:

Finger spaces non-fiction title-
chronological capitals capital letter
full stop finger spaces
narrative sentence labels

Mathematics

This term we will be looking at addition and subtraction. We will be looking at part whole models and number bonds within 10. We will be using our addition and subtraction knowledge to find missing numbers. Finally, we will look at counting backwards.

Homework—Maths homework will be to practice on Numbots every day for 5/10 minutes. Please see your child's planner for the log in details for Numbots. If your child requires computer access in school time please let us know.

Key vocabulary:

addition subtraction
equals difference

Phonics

Phonics will take place twice a day. In the morning we will practise our sounds making sure we can read them speedily. We will also practise blending sounds together to read words and segmenting sounds to spell words.

In the afternoons, we will have a story-book session. Books/ditty sheets will be changed each Friday and kept until the following week. Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home. Please sign your child's planner each time you have listened to them read and return their planner and book to school **each day** so that they can read in school.

SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term is 'Materials'. We will learn about materials and their different properties by bending, twisting and stretching them. We will discuss why different materials are suitable for different jobs and why some materials can be found outside.

Key vocabulary:

Materials opaque
transparent strong
weak mouldable water-
proof rough smooth



Other Curriculum Areas

History - This term we will be learning about timelines, the past, present and future

PE - This term we will be focusing on gymnastics and moving our bodies in different ways.

PSHE - This term we will be learning about keeping our bodies healthy and why this is extremely important.

Computing—This term we will be looking at using programs on a computer including how to use paintz to create picture.

RE—We will be looking at what celebrations are and some different religious celebrations.



The Bulletin Board

PE is on a **Wednesday**.

Please ensure children have their kit every week.

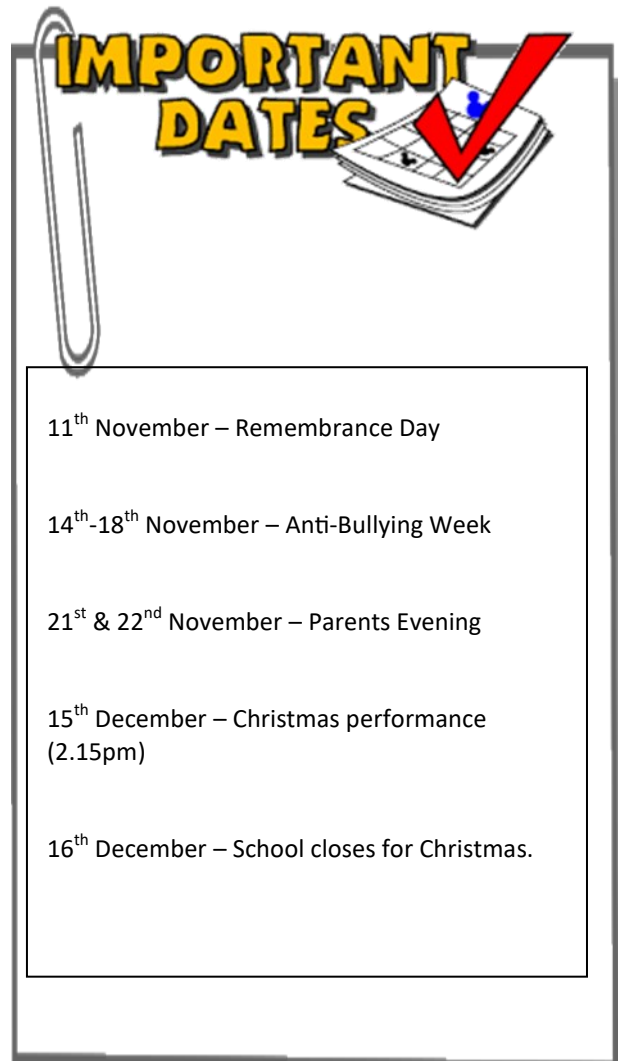
Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be brought back to school the following Monday. This will include weekly spellings, topic homework, Freckle and reading.

Websites needed:

Microsoft Teams:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?ms.url=microsoftteamscom>

TT Rockstars:
<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Mathletics:
<https://login.mathletics.com/?ga=2.153434747.299632099.1618342985-1217686000.1618342985>



IMPORTANT DATES

11th November – Remembrance Day

14th-18th November – Anti-Bullying Week

21st & 22nd November – Parents Evening

15th December – Christmas performance (2.15pm)

16th December – School closes for Christmas.

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

Reading - Birch class pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes **every day**. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: What are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed once a week. Children will bring home a 'storybook' and 'book bag book' that matches their phonic knowledge. They will also be bringing a library book but this book needs to be read to them by an adult.