

Year 1 Class Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Brilliant Britain



Happy New Year and welcome back to school to school! We hope you had a lovely Christmas we will look forward to hearing all about it from the children. Thank you for all the kind gifts and cards that were sent in at the end of term. You were all so generous!

We are excited about the new term ahead and looking forward to starting our new topic 'Brilliant Britain' with the children. Our Sparkle day will be on Thursday 4th February, which will immerse the children in a range of activities Can I please ask that the children come dressed to school as either a king or queen for the day? In the afternoon, the children will be enjoying a 'Royal Banquet' in class.

This term **Games with Coach Chris will continue on a Monday afternoon and PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure that children wear their P.E clothes in school on these days.** Children need a filled named water bottle in school every day please. The new homework grid will be uploaded this week and after the success of last term's projects, we are excited to see what the children will create this term.

A phonics activity grid will continue to be uploaded every Friday on to the website 'Year 1 Home Learning' Please complete these activities with your child as well as reading each night. Once your child has completed their book, please sign their diary and books will be changed in school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

If you have, any questions about your child's learning please feel free to email me n Owen@birches.staffs.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes, Miss Owen and Mrs Hine

English

In English this term, we will be reading a range of texts to develop our comprehension skills and link in with our topic. We will apply our phonics skills as we read familiar words and new words – spotting the sounds that we will be learning in phonics sessions. We will firstly focus on instructions and then move on to stories with familiar settings which will include 'The Tiger who Came to Tea' and 'Not Now Bernard.' We will also focus on traditional tales – The Gingerbread Man and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Arts / Design Technology

As part of our topic, the children will be designing and making castles of their choice. They will learn how to plan, design and evaluate their work as part of the design process. They will select their chosen methods and resources as they design their own product before creating and evaluating their final piece.

Music – Charanga musical school

Computing – Purple Mash, sorting and grouping and online safety.

History/Geography



Through our Topic focusing on different castles around Britain the children will be using their geographical skills to locate a range of castles – comparing similarities and differences. We will be finding out about castle life in the past. We will also be making research fact files.

Maths

Our focus for the first part of the term will be on Number bonds to 10/20 and systematic methods for number bonds. We will move on to addition and subtraction within 10 or more. This term we will also be exploring 2D shapes/patterns and comparing their features.

Science / STEM

The children will be learning about animals including humans. We will be naming and comparing body parts; exploring and investigating senses. We will be naming, describing and sorting groups of animals using similarities and differences.

Religious Education - Celebrations

PE / Games – Gymnastics/ Team games

PSHE / Me and my safety / British value and Birches values.