

Where in the world am I?



Welcome back to school! We are really looking forward to the new term ahead with the children in Year 1 and starting our new topic 'Where in the world am I? This term **Games with Coach Chris will be on a Tuesday** afternoon and **PE on a Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school in their games kit and P.E are in school. As a reminder, please ensure they continue to bring a filled, named water bottle every day to school.

The home learning resources can be accessed on the website under the 'Year 1 Home Learning' tab.

Please continue to ensure that children are reading each night. Reading to your child and talking to them about stories and books is also extremely beneficial. Once your child has completed their book, please comment, and sign their reading communication diary so it can then be changed in school. **Reading books can be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays or when a child has read their book.**

Please ensure reading books and signed diaries are in school every day to allow books to be changed.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through email nowen@birches.staffs.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Miss Owen and Mrs Kandola

English In English this term we will be reading a range of texts to develop pleasure in reading. We will retell and role play a range of familiar stories. We will apply our phonic skills as we read familiar words, new words and sentences.

Arts / Design Technology

As part of this topic the children will be drawing, painting and designing familiar buildings in the local area. They will select their chosen materials as they design their own models.

Religious Education - Caring: Listen to examples of care and concern shown by believers and religious communities. Explore the reasons for these actions.

Computing - Learn about ways in which we can stay safe whilst using the internet and the reasons for staying safe.
Purple Mash

Humanities

Our topic will give opportunities for children to: learn about their immediate environment, explore their school environment using first hand observational skills,

create and use maps of the local area, experiment with modelling and drawing, to represent the world around them, take part in fieldwork around school and learn about maps symbols.

Maths Our focus for the first part of the term will be developing skills of number recognition and counting. We will count to 20 forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number. We will count, read and write numbers to 20 The children will identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line. We will be finding the number that is one more/one less than a given number and we will work on simple addition and subtraction activities.

Science / STEM

The children will be learning about different materials. They will distinguish between an object and the material which it is made from. They will also be identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal and rocks. We will describe, compare and group objects together

PE / Games - Playground games/ Fundamental movement skills

PSHE - Me and My School.

British Values Focus - Democracy