

## Weather



**We hope you had a lovely half term.** We are really looking forward to the new term ahead with the children in Year 1 and starting our new topic 'Weather.' 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. Phonics books will be allocated on Oxford Reading Owl, please comment, and sign their reading communication diary when your child has read. **Phonics books will be allocated every Friday.** Please ensure diaries are in school every day.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through email [nowen@birches.staffs.sch.uk](mailto: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 traditional tales including Goldilocks and The Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Instructions

Poetry – Funny rhymes

### Arts / Design Technology

As part of this topic the children will be learning about structures and constructing windmills.

**Religious Education** – Belonging - We will be learning about special ceremonies and sharing special moments.

**Computing** - Grouping and Sorting/ Lego Builders.

**Music** – Learning new songs and exploring a range of percussion instruments.

### Humanities

Our topic will give opportunities for the children to: learn about the weather and seasons. We will be looking at weather forecasts, maps and how the weather affects us in the U.K. We will be learning about extreme weather and hot and cold climates. We will observe and measure the weather.

### Maths

Our focus for this half term will be Subtraction, we will then move on to recognise and name 2-D and 3D shapes. Place Value within 20 – tens and ones, comparing and ordering numbers. Shape, position, and direction – describing turns and position.

### Science / STEM

The children will be identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal and rocks. We will describe, compare and group objects together using their properties. The children will look at materials suitable for a range of purposes.

**PE / Games** - Playground games/ Fundamental movement skills

**PSHE** - Me and My Relationships - Families and Relationships

British Value- Rule of Law- Birches Value – (Belief)- Resilience