



Exciting Europe

I hope you are all ready and excited to come back to school and see your friends after the Christmas holidays. Hopefully, you are all well-rested and ready to start the New Year! Due to the rise in COVID cases we have returned to Key Stage bubbles and are now encouraging the continued use of hand sanitiser and washing hands throughout the school day. We are now going to be moving away from our History unit on 'The Stone Age' and will focussing on the Geography unit 'Europe'. This will include looking at the countries that make up Europe and looking at the key cities of the UK.

Games will continue to take place on Monday afternoons and our PE lessons are scheduled for Thursday afternoon. We are fortunate enough to have external cricket coaches coming in over this term to help teach us the correct way to play cricket. Spellings and Time Tables will continue to be tested every Friday. Spellings can be found on the school website and Time Tables can be practised on TT Rockstars.

If you have any questions regarding anything please feel free to send an email to the school office (office@birches.staffs.sch.uk) who can direct the email to myself.

Best Wishes,
Mr Jones.

English

In English this term we are focussing on Myths and Legends, Biographies, Non-Chronological Reports and Fantasy Stories. Throughout these units we will continue to focus on basic punctuation as well as skills including the use of adverbs and direct speech.

Arts / Design Technology

Throughout our Art and Design we will be using a range of materials to create different artistic masterpieces and shall be using 2D shapes to help create 3D models. This will include making and constructing nets to make 3D shapes.

Music: Ballads

Computing: Coding/ Spreadsheets

MFL (French): Greeting/ Names

History/ Geography

Throughout this term we shall be concentrating on Geography. Our unit this term will be on 'Europe' and the countries that make up this continent. We shall be exploring their physical and human characteristics of different European areas and then comparing these to other parts of the world outside of Europe.

Maths

During this term we will be learning about multiplication and division as well as the compact methods for addition and subtraction. Throughout this term we shall also be looking at statistics (graphs and tables) as well as Money and how this can link to our addition and subtraction.

Science / STEM

Throughout Science this term we shall be focussing on the unit 'Light' and looking at how light is made and how our bodies are able to process light. We shall be exploring concepts such as reflection and refraction of light and looking at how light can cause shadows.

Religious Education: Symbols of Worship

PE / Games: Cricket

PSHE / British Values: Me and My Safety