



Year 1 Class Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1 2022

Changes Within Living Memory



Happy New Year and welcome back 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 we are looking forward to starting our new topic 'Changes Within Living Memory' with the children. The new homework grid has been uploaded this week and we will look forward to seeing what the children will create this half term. Our show case days will be on Thursday 17th February and Thursday 7th April.

This term **Games with Coach Ruby will be on a Tuesday afternoon and PE will be on a Wednesday**. Children need a filled named water bottle in school every day please. Children should wear their games kits on a Tuesday and will change into their P.E kits on a Wednesday.

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 Collins Ebooks, 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 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 the writing genres will include stories with familiar settings and instructions. The texts will include Not Now Bernard, The Perfect Pet and The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

The children will be retelling stories, describing characters, and changing part of the story.

Writing instructions.

Music – Pitch and Tempo

Identifying high and low sounds.

Exploring instruments.

Computing – Purple Mash – Grouping and Sorting/ Lego Builders

History/Geography

This term we will be comparing everyday lives with parents/Grandparents. We will be finding out about the history of transport. our school, changes in communication, toys in the past and the seaside past and present. We will be learning about domestic life and the changes in clothes and hairstyles.



Maths

This half term we will be working on addition and subtraction to 20 using a selection of concrete resources including a part-whole model. We will be practising our number facts/bonds to 10 and 20. The children will apply their knowledge to problem solving and reasoning. We will move on to place value to 20/50 then Fractions, finding a half and quarters of a quantity.

Science / STEM

We will be learning about animals, with a particular focus on how to care for pets and other animals in different ways. We will identify a range of animals and pets, observing how they grow. We will discover the basics of genetics, by studying characteristics that animals gain from their parents. We will find out about different species, care, and preservation.

Throughout the term we will continue to observe and compare seasonal change.

Arts / Design Technology

Sculptures and Collages

The children will be learning 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. We will be exploring collage techniques and 3D models.



Religious Education – Celebrations.

PE/Games – Dance

PSHE – Me and My Safety