



## Save the Date

### September

- 4 Staff Training Day 8.30am start - School Closed
- 5 School opens for pupils
- 14 Roald Dahl Day (in class activities)
- 20 Individual/Sibling Photographs
- 21 Dogs Trust
- 22 Jeans for Genes Day
- 29 MacMillan Coffee Morning 8.30am to 10.30am

### October

- 2 Grandparents Day
- 2-8 Dyslexia Friendly Awareness Week
- 4 Phonics Workshop for parents 6.00pm Year R/1
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 16 YR-Y4 Parent Interviews 3.30 - 6.00pm
- 17 English Workshop for Parents 6.00pm
- 19 YR-Y4 Parent Interviews 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- 27 School Council Fund Raising Day
- 30-3 Half Term

### English

This term, we will continue to read a range of quality texts to develop pleasure in reading and improve our comprehension skills. The children have access to a wide range of stories from our class library, which they can enjoy throughout the school day. We will be learning about the stories with repetitive phrases, and will be teaching the skills of punctuation during this time. We will also be learning about labels, lists and captions. We will focus on using the full stops and capital letters to demarcate the start and ending of sentences and will be trying to ensure that finger spaces separate all our words.

**Arts** We will develop our Art and Design Skills by learning about different types of line and how we can combine this to make different types of drawings.

**Design Technology** We will explore making windmills out of simple materials.

**Music** As musicians, we will be studying pulse and rhythm and linking it back to 'All About Me'

**Religious Education** We will talk about how different religions care for each other.

**Computing** On Purple Mash this half term, we will be covering online safety and looking at how we can group and sort objects, both on and off the computer.

### History

As Historians, the children will be finding out about how things have changed within living memory (100 years). This will involve looking at the children's grandparents and comparing childhoods with what the children experience today. This will include looking at the changes in communication throughout the years, houses and the types of toys and how they have developed.

**Maths** In maths this half term, we will be covering place value (within 10), using concrete pictorial and abstract resources and questioning to promote a greater understanding within the children. We will then be using our place value skills to help us with our addition and subtraction (within 10), looking at how to write a calculation and how to answer them using concrete materials and also using mental skills too.

### Science / STEM

This term, the children will be starting our new topic of Seasonal Change and Animal including Humans. Seasonal Change will be covered throughout the year and will be focussing on the season of Autumn this term. We will also be looking at naming different animals and looking at the diets of common animals that children may be familiar with.

**PE / Games** We will be developing fundamental movement skills, specifically focusing on mastering basic movements. Children will also begin to participate in team games during parachute games and teambuilding.

**PSHE** We will learn about 'Me and My School'.

**British Values Focus:** Individual Liberty.

**Birches Values Focus:** Belief/ Success.