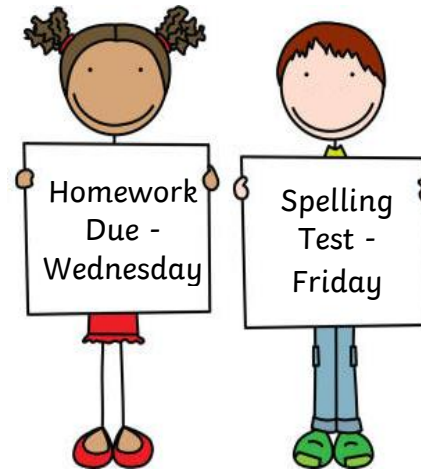


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Save the Date

6 th November	INSET-SCHOOL CLOSED for Children
7 th November	Welcome Children Back to School
8 th November	YN/R Maths Workshops 11am/3.30pm
10 th November	Remembrance Day in School
13 th -17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week-Details to follow from Mrs Hill
13 th November	Diwali Multi-Faith Day-Details to follow from Mrs Lloyd
16 th November	Y2-Jackfield Tile Museum Trip
17 th November	Children in Need Day- Details in Newsletter
24 th November	Enrichment Day-Details to follow from Miss Hulme
24 th November	Bilbrook Light Switch on-All Welcome 6pm
27 th November	Christmas Decorations to be brought into school
30 th November	Y1 Bliss Hill Trip
1 st December	Godsall Light Switch On- All Welcome
5 th December	Y1-Y4 Grandparents Performance
8 th December	Birches First School Christmas Fayre
12 th December	Visiting Pantomime Cinderella
14 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance and Special Awards 6pm start, children at school for 5.30pm
21 st December	Christmas Parties-Details to follow
22 nd December	Break Up- 1.30pm YN-1.30pm YR-1.35pm Y1/2-1.40pm Y3/4-1.45pm Children invited to wear Christmas Jumpers etc.

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 Traditional Tales, and their language features, and will be continuing to teach the skills of punctuation during this time. We will also be learning about what makes a good set of instructions. We will be moving into looking at the use of adjectives to help with description and using the conjunction 'and' to extend sentences.

Arts We will develop our Art and Design Skills by learning about painting and mixed media. We will also be learning about different artists that primarily use paint for their artwork.

Design Technology We will design, decorate and build a windmill for a mouse client to live in, develop an understanding of different types of windmill, how they work and their key features.

Music As musicians, we will be studying classical music, using our bodies and instruments to respond to classical music that represents animals. We will learn and perform a song and compose a short section of music, focusing on dynamics and tempo

Religious Education We will talk about belonging; finding out about ceremonies in which special moments in the life cycle are marked

Computing On Purple Mash this half term, we will be covering Grouping and Sorting, looking at the concepts of 'grouping' and 'sorting' using a range of criteria. We will also be covering Pictograms, understanding that data can be represented in a picture format and use a pictogram to record data.

Geography

When studying geography this half term, children will be investigating the changes within the weather as the seasons change and will be discussing the importance of weather forecasts, as well as the dangers that more extreme weather can pose. We will also be looking at how the weather can have an effect on us at school, and how it can change our day to day routines.

Maths In maths this half term, we will continue to cover addition and subtraction (within 10), using concrete materials to help embed what we are learning before moving on to pictorial and abstract representations. We will also be spending the latter part of the half term focussing on 2D and 3D shapes, learning about their properties.

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. This will include looking at the weather, and how it changes from Autumn to Winter, as well as looking at the effect of Autumn upon trees and wildlife.

PE / Games We will be covering Gymnastics, focusing on different balances and travelling, and will be working on our throwing and catching skills.

PSHE We will learn about 'Me and My Relationships'. This focuses on the importance of family and friendships.

British Values Focus: Rule of Law **Birches Values Focus:** Independence and success