



Save the Date

8th April
22nd April
3rd May
6th May
24th May

3rd June
4th June
24th June

Welcome Back Children
Earth/ECO Day - Details to follow
SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED MAY DAY
Break Up School Council Day
June-Advanced Notice
School INSET-Closed for Children
Return to School (Final Half Term)
Sports Day
Main School – 10.30am

English: In Reading lessons this half term we will be reading a range of quality texts to develop our reading VIPERS. Each week we will focus on a range of questions to develop our 'Viper skills' – vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, and summarising. In our English lessons, we will be particularly focusing on applying Year Three spelling rules and consistent use of punctuation (capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, inverted commas, apostrophes for possession/ contraction and commas for a list). We will be writing Non-Chronological Reports using simple organisational devices as well as apply Year 3 writing skills to narrative writing.

Design Technology: Textiles – Egyptian Collars. We will build on our sewing skills through cross-stitch and appliqué. Children will design, decorate and assemble their very own Egyptian collar. Cooking and Nutrition - Eating Seasonally: After discovering where fruits/ vegetables are grown and seasonality in the UK, we will then use our understanding to make a seasonal food tart.

Music: As musicians, we are continuing with our whole class instrumental lessons by learning about the history and features of Latin America music. We will be performing a salsa style song using a range of performance techniques and playing from staff notation.

Religious Education: The Beginning of the World: We will explore the meaning of a wide range of stories about the beginnings of the world and reflect upon their importance for believers.

Computing: Children will continue to develop their Online Safety skills by learning how to open and respond to an email safely. We will then learn how to create a branch database and sort objects using 'yes' and 'no' questions.

Geography



Is Italy a world away from our local area?

This half term we will develop our skills as geographers and focus on our knowledge of Continents.

We will develop our knowledge of Europe with a focus on Italy. We will use maps and photographs to discover where Italy is and what it would be like to live there. We will also study the Leaning Tower of Pisa and make comparisons between the UK and Italy.

Maths: This half term, we will begin by continuing our unit on Mass and Capacity. We will look at using scales and measuring in grams and kilograms, as well as comparing mass. We will also spend time measuring volume in millilitres and litres. We will build upon this knowledge by also adding and subtracting capacity and volume. Later in the half term, we will build on our knowledge of fractions by adding, subtracting and finding fractions of a set of objects/ an amount. We will demonstrate our confidence in these skills by reasoning and solving problems. We will continue to use concrete materials, pictorial methods, and abstract methods to consolidate our understanding.

Science / STEM: We will continue to build on our knowledge and skills of Animals including Humans from Year 2, where we will learn that humans and some animals need skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We will then develop our knowledge and skills on light. We will use our scientific enquiry to identify how light is reflected from surfaces. Children will recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. We will also focus on shadows and how they are formed, as well as how and why they change size and shape.

PE / Games: We will be focusing on health and fitness, including how to lead a healthy lifestyle. We will also be developing our athletic skills, particularly focusing on running, jumping and throwing.

PSHE: We will continue our unit on safety and the changing body focusing on making independent choices. We will then focus on Health and Wellbeing where we will learn more about a healthy lifestyle and solving problems.

British Values Focus: Tolerance. **Birches Values Focus:** Honesty/ Success.