

**English**

In English we will begin by focusing on fiction text 'The Accidental Prime Minister' which will lead us to create our own sequels to the story. We will then explore persuasive adverts, concluding with writing our own persuasive adverts for a Prime Minister. Within our writing we will be developing our application of skills to add detail, such as using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions, ensuring that these skills are secure and consistently applied. We will also continue to focus on our spelling, ensuring we are applying common exception words consistently and accurately. During Guided Reading sessions, we will be continuing to read a range of fiction/non-fiction texts and checking that these make sense to us. We will be using VIPERS skills when answering various comprehension questions and will explain the meaning of words in context.

Art

We will continue developing our Art and Design skills next half term.

Design Technology

This half term we will be building on our sewing skills and be introduced to cross-stitch and appliqué. We will design, decorate and assemble our very own Egyptian collars.

Music

We will begin whole class instrumental lessons this half term, focusing on music from South Africa. We will be using tuned percussion instruments and will develop our rhythmic, singing and notation skills.

Religious Education

This half term we be investigating and identifying similarities and differences between features of key religious festivals and celebrations.

Computing

We will learn how to use branching databases to sort and identify objects by answering simple yes/no questions. We will then learn to create, test, and debug our own databases using 2Question in Purple Mash.

Continent Focus: Europe

**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.

Save the Date

- Thursday 5th March: World Book Day - Dress as your favourite WORD from a book.
- Thursday 5th March: Y3 Author Visit Wolverhampton Grand Station
- Monday 9th March: British Science Week – Mr Jones to send out information
- Monday 9th March: Y3 Carding Mill Valley Trip
- Wednesday 11th March: Book Fare Arrives
- Wednesday 18th March: Book Fare Leaves
- Thursday 19th March: Rock Steady Performance 2.00pm, INVITE Only
- Friday 20th March: School Easter Disco
- Thursday 26th March: Y3/4 Easter Bonnet Parade-2pm
- Friday 27th March: Beak up for Easter: YN-1pm, YR-1.05pm, Y1/2-1.10pm, Y3/4-1.15pm
- Monday 13th April: Return to School

Maths

In Maths we will continue to consolidate our multiplication and division methods involving 2-digit numbers, focusing on methods of multiplication and division for 2-digit numbers including exchange and remainders. We will then explore length and perimeter where we will learn to convert between different units and apply our knowledge in problem solving contexts. We will then develop our understanding of fractions by understanding the terms denominator and numerator before counting in fractions on a number line and building on our learning of equivalent fractions. 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 begin the half term by completing our learning about forces and magnets. We will then build on our knowledge of Animals including Humans from Year 2. We will use our scientific enquiry to learn about the main food groups to help us understand that we need the right type and amount of nutrition in our bodies. We will then learn that humans and some animals need skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. Throughout the unit we will be using key vocabulary and developing our working scientifically skills.

PE / Games

In Games sessions, we will be starting a unit called 'Health and Fitness', looking at lots of active ways to keep our bodies fit and healthy. In our PE sessions, we will be continuing to develop our gymnastics skills.

PSHE

This half term we will continue our unit 'Safety and the Changing Body', learning how to respond to unsafe digital content and making independent choices. We will also begin our unit 'Health and Wellbeing' where we will identify ways of staying physically and mentally healthy.

French (MFL)

This half term we will be learning about time in French, including days of the week, months, our birthdays and the date today.

British Values Focus - Mutual Respect

Birches Values Focus - Curiosity/ Success.