



### Save the Date

- Monday 13th April: Return to School
- Tuesday 14th April: Y3 Loved One Lunch
- Wednesday 22nd April: Y3/4 Girls Cross Country Finals
- Friday 1st May: SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 4th May: SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 8th May Pizza Express Visit Y3
- Friday 22nd May: School Council Fund Raising Day/Break Up - NORMAL TIMES
- Monday 1st June: SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 2nd June: Children Return to School

#### English

In our English lessons, we will be focusing closely on applying Year 3 spelling rules and consistently/correctly using taught punctuation such as capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, inverted commas, apostrophes for possession/contraction and commas for a list. We will be exploring and writing our own explanation texts and newspaper reports. We will also be writing in response to the wordless picture book 'Flotsam'. Throughout our writing, we will continue to apply Year 3 writing skills for added detail and flare in our writing.

In our Guided Reading lessons, we will continue to read a range of quality texts. Each week we will focus on a range of comprehension questions to develop our 'VIPER skills' which includes vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, and summarising.

#### Art

In Art this half term we will be developing our drawing skills, focusing on our understanding and application of shading and drawing techniques.

#### Design Technology

In DT this half term, we will be introduced to information design and electrical systems. Working in small groups, we will create a museum display built from an electric poster using a basic circuit.

#### Music

As musicians, we are continuing with our whole class instrumental lessons by learning about the history and features of Calypso music. We will be performing a calypso style song with voices and tuned percussion in multiple parts and playing from staff notation.

#### Religious Education

This half term we will be studying a unit titled 'The Beginning of the World' where 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

In computing we will be exploring spreadsheets and learning how to use more advanced tools such as comparative symbols and cell references.

#### History



#### What was life like in Ancient Greece?

This half term we will develop our skills as historians and explore the history of Ancient Greece. We will consider the timeline of events throughout Ancient Greece and learn about significant individuals such as Alexander the Great. We will explore what life was like in Ancient Greece and learn about key Greek gods and goddesses. We will also consider the role of democracy in Ancient Greece. We will identify key achievements such as the Olympics and identify how they were different to present day.

#### Maths

This half term, we will begin by completing our unit 'Length and Perimeter'. 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 finish the half term by beginning our unit 'Mass and Capacity' in which 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. Throughout all our learning we will demonstrate our confidence in the skills we have learnt by reasoning and solving problems. We will continue to use concrete materials, pictorial methods, and abstract methods to consolidate our understanding.

#### Science / STEM

To begin this half term, we will be continuing with our unit 'Animals Including Humans'. We will then move on to learning about plants and will identify different parts that make up a plant. We will discover how water travels to different parts of a plant and will conduct an exciting experiment where we see what happens to plants when they are put in different conditions. We will also learn about key processes such as pollination and seed dispersal. Throughout our learning in Science, we will continue to demonstrate Working Scientifically skills including making observations, setting up simple tests and collecting data. We will also be covering a range of scientific enquiry skills such as observing over time, comparative and fair testing, researching and identifying, grouping and classifying.

#### PE / Games

We will develop our athletic skills during PE and Games, particularly focusing on running, jumping and throwing.

#### PSHE

This half term we be learning about Health and Wellbeing and will identify ways of staying physically and mentally healthy. This will also include discussion about our individual strengths, feelings and building resilience.

#### MFL - French

This half term in French we will learn how to refer to family, friends and pets in French. We will also learn the French alphabet and use this to help us spell names.

**British Values Focus** - Individual Liberty

**Birches Values Focus** - Honesty/ Success