



Birches First School  
Believe, Grow, Succeed



School Closure Home Learning

Year 4 Daily Tasks

Date: 30/3/20

Reading task

This week there is a poetry focus! Read the following poem and then answer the questions -

# My Shadow

By Robert Louis Stevenson

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,  
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.  
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;  
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow-  
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;  
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,  
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play,  
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of way.  
He stays so close beside me, he's a coward you can see;  
I'd think shame to stick to nursie as that shadow sticks to me!

One morning, very early, before the sun was up,  
I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;  
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,  
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

Who is 'he' in the poem?

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What do we call the device we use to give human characteristics to something that isn't human? Can you find two examples of this in the poem?

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How many rhyming couplets are there in the poem?

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Why is the way the shadow grows 'not at all like proper children'?

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Use the text to help explain what a coward is. How do you know?

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Who does the boy mean when using the word 'nursie'?

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## Writing/SPaG task

Word search - Words ending in a 'soft c' sound spelt with 'ce'

m l n x c i b d h i g l h o b  
v c p s q d w g h r y z b d b  
j a o c e r t i f i c a t e k  
k r x e e p t e w k p i p n f  
l s e n t e n c e w n j l o f  
y z e r m w n i c n g x f t p  
o t a i u g l j b n q j c i u  
c c j a a n o p z f y f e c g  
c e d u e x p e r i e n c e c  
e r l b g v f h i g v j e b p  
n t o g s t z m h o d v n b e  
t a h p j l q j n j h p t i r  
r i o c e l e b r a t e u k q  
e n t a t n r e c e n t r h b  
a u m c e r e m o n y n y u g

centre

recent

notice

certificate

century

experience

celebrate

certain

sentence

ceremony

Extension – practise spelling these words using 'Look, cover, write, check'.

## Maths task

Multiply 2 or 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number

Parent guidance – today the children can try and use the formal written method -

$$\begin{array}{r} 136 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 680 \\ 13 \end{array}$$

Answer these questions using the formal written method -

	T	O
	4	3
×		3
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	T	O
	3	6
×		4
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	T	O
2	7	4
×		5
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Here are three incorrect multiplications.

Reasoning -

	T	O
	6	1
×		5
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	3	5

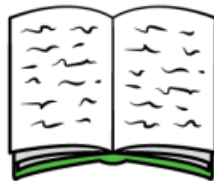
	T	O	
	7	4	
×		7	
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	4	9	8

	T	O	
	2	6	
×		4	
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	8	2	4

Correct the multiplications.

Challenge!

Teddy and his mum were having a reading competition.  
In one month, Teddy read 814 pages.



His mum read 4 times as many pages as Teddy.  
How many pages did they read altogether?  
How many fewer pages did Teddy read?

## Indoor extras 😊

- Make sandwiches in strange shapes
- Learn a rhyme or a poem
- Make paper aeroplanes
- Play a board game or make your own!
- Have a pamper day