

Bears class



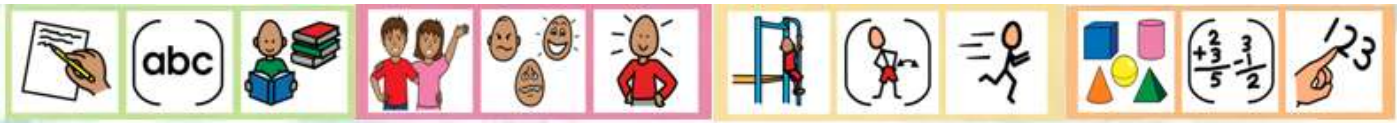
Welcome back! We hope you've had a great half term break and are feeling well rested. Autumn 2 is going to be super busy and fun at The Birches and there will be lots of ways we'll be inviting you to get involved within our school community.

We hope you were able to 'Meet the Team' before the holidays. If not, we hope you received the meet the team PPT, sharing lots of information about our class.

A reminder of the Bears class team is below.

					
Kitty (Mon-Fri)	**Jess (Mon-Fri)**	**Alfie (Mon-Fri)**	**Michelle (Mon-Weds)**	**Shum (Weds-Fri)**	**LSA - Jo**

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM



AUTUMN 2 TOPIC – Space explorers	
Literacy	*Story focus* – Aliens love underpants by Claire Freedman *Phonics and reading* – Children are now working in their phonics groups ranging from Foundation, Phase 2 and Phase 3. Children will access daily phonics sessions and 1:1 reading. *Fine motor skills and writing-* This half term we have started Move and Mark sessions. These sessions target 'readiness for writing' and work on both gross and fine motor skills that prepare are children for writing.
Maths	*Number- Addition and subtraction* *Geometry* – Colour shape and pattern.
Understanding the world around me	*Science (Materials)* – Materials and their uses. What's it like in space? *RE*- Themes- light and hope. Religious exploration of Sikhism and Judaism. *Computing* – Digital art. Exploring tools
Expressive art and design	*Music* – Follow genre of the week, and attending weekly sensory signing choir sessions. *Food technology* – We will be developing our skills in preparation for Birches Bake off. *Art* –Painting – Using different painting techniques
Physical Education	Gymnastics – Rolling, making shapes on low apparatus
PSHE	Managing feelings

Communication	We adopt a total communication approach. We support pupils in their preferred communication methods, immerse them in text and symbols in their learning environment and work with SaLT on personalised approaches and programs for individuals. Pupils will be exposed to core vocabulary through the core word programme, with the aim of improving their functional language use and application and transference across difference activities.



Other things to know about your child's weekly learning experiences



We will continue to get to know our new young people, developing relationships between staff and pupils. As we navigate our new environments, we will practice transitioning safely to lots of new resource spaces across school. We'll use this as an opportunity to use communication strategies to support these motivational transitions.

On **Mondays** we will have PE in the hall, if you wish to send your child in a PE kit or clothes more suitable for moving around e.g., tracksuit bottoms / leggings and appropriate footwear please do so.

On **Tuesdays** we will be visiting bike track, sports zone and multi-sensory room.

On **Wednesdays** we will have tennis in the morning and we will be visiting bike track and soft room.

On **Thursdays** we will visit sports zone and the hall for our weekly football sessions with Manchester City in the morning. We will also visit the ICT suite for out weekly computing sessions. In the afternoon we will be visiting the sensory garden and trim trail.

On **Fridays** we will have our school assembly to share special themes and celebrate stars of the week. In the afternoon we will be visiting the soft room and swings playground,

Please ensure you send your child with a named water bottle and snacks for the day. A polite reminder that we are a nut free school. We would really appreciate if you could send a set of spare clothes into school and wellies if your child has them.



Ways to help at home



Here are a few ways to support your children in their learning at home in fun and engaging ways.

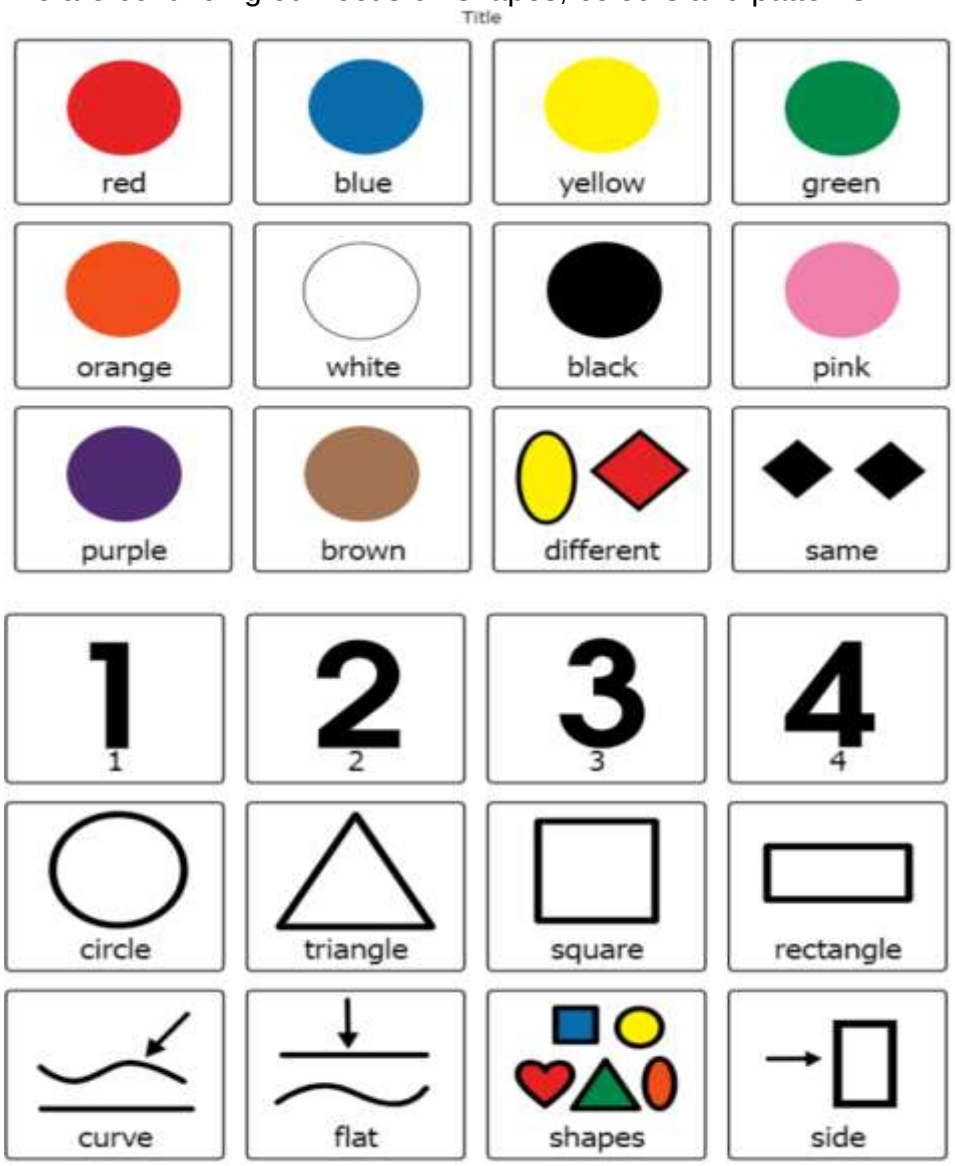
1. **Literacy Focus Story:**

Read stories together and talk about the pictures, characters and events.

Ask 'who' is in the story, 'what are they doing'

Here is the link to a read long of Aliens Love Underpants:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svSNvzGmLUg

2. **Maths Focus: This half term we will be focusing on the language:**
   We are continuing our focus on shapes, colours and patterns.



3. **Communication**: we are continuing to follow the core word of the week programme. Below are the weekly words we will be learning.

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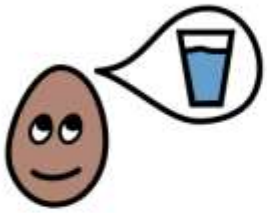
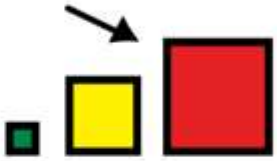
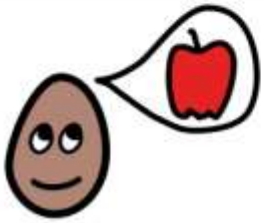
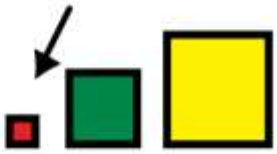
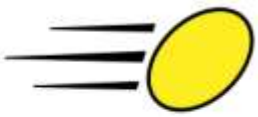
 thirsty	 big
 hungry	 little
 toilet	 fast
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Play turn-taking games and model language such as my turn, your turn, go and stop. Read stories together and talk about the pictures.

***** PLEASE NOTE: We will optimise all opportunities to include personalised learning moments in line with your child's EHCP targets, at every opportunity. *****





Keeping in touch

Please look out for daily updates on Class Dojo about what your child has been learning in class. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the class team or cohort lead, Charlotte Johnson

