

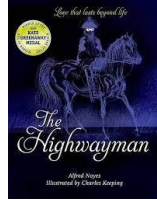
# Year 5 Curriculum Information

## Birch Class Autumn 2 2025

### ENGLISH

This half term, Birch Class will study the narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will use this text, alongside extracts from other poems and film clips with a similar theme, to gather content and ideas, enabling us to create our own pieces of writing.

We will study various other genres of texts through our daily whole-class reading lessons and will also have daily grammar lessons.



### MATHS

This half term, children will continue their learning on number. They will continue to build on their basic knowledge in order to deepen their thinking and reasoning. We will be focussing on negative numbers.

Alongside this, children will be working daily on their arithmetic skills and on improving the speed of their multiplication tables knowledge.



### CURRICULUM

**Computing**– We will learn about text adventures (stories with multiple endings) and create our own story-based adventure game using Purple Mash.

**Design Technology**– For this half term we will look at textiles. The children will explore different stitches will then help them make an end product.

**Geography**– Our topic for this half term is Rivers. We will investigate rivers around the world using maps, books and online images as well as zooming in on our very own River Ribble. We will identify the features of rivers and follow their journeys from the source to the mouth.

**Music**–Christmas has come early in Mr Ward's music lessons, and he will be teaching the children a variety of Christmas carols and songs throughout the half term.

**PE**– During this half-term, we will be focussing on dance with a focus on street dance.

PE lessons will be on **Wednesday's** for this half term.

Your child may come to school on their PE day in their PE kit and remain in it all day. Please ensure that children have the correct kit and are still wearing their school jumper or cardigan.

**PSHE**– PSHE this term will focus on health and wellbeing. During the lessons, we will explore how can drugs common to everyday life affect our health?

**R.E**- Children will be learning more about Christianity with the key question 'How do Christians mark the turning points on the journey of life?'

**Science**– Our Science topic this term is Material Changes. We will build on our materials knowledge from last half term by investigating how to separate materials, how soluble different materials are and reversible and irreversible changes. We will collate all this learning to help us answer the key question 'Does salt vanish when you put it in water?'

### HOME LEARNING

It is essential that children read regularly at home. Although children must read their school reading book, they are also encouraged to read for pleasure by choosing books that are of interest to them. This can include non-fiction books, magazines, comics and newspapers as well as fictional stories.



Please try to listen to your child read at least twice a week and sign their reading record to show that you have done so. Reading books and records need to be returned to school **every day**.

A homework menu will be included on the Birch Class webpage and on Class Dojo. Children should complete one piece of homework of choice from the list each week and if possible, **post a document or photograph of the completed learning on Class Dojo**.

Links to various homework help pages are on the school website and include links to Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Frame.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Heartfield and Ms Rozynska.