

# Year 5 Curriculum Information

## Birch Class Spring 1 2026

### ENGLISH

This half term, Oak Class will study an historical fiction novel called 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook. We will use this text, to build various writing outcomes including blogging and a non-chronological report.



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

### MATHS

This half term, children will be recalling their knowledge of area and scaling and developing their knowledge of fractions and decimals. They will be given opportunities to answer reasoning and problem-solving questions related to these topics.

Alongside this, children will be working on developing their fluency in maths as well as improving the speed of their multiplication tables knowledge.



### CURRICULUM

**Computing** – The topic this term is, 'Spreadsheets' and children will be given the opportunity to look at various spreadsheets and create their own using data. They will also look at how the data can then be presented in bar charts and other graphs.

**DT** – We will be focussing on food and healthy eating. Children will look at the influences of famous chefs such as Jamie Oliver, before designing and making their own healthy choice meals.

**History** – The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings will be the subjects of our history topic this term. Children will think about the following key question: Why was our country invaded so many times?

**Music** – We will be listening to and appraising different types of music under the heading 'Music and Me'.

**PE** – This term, PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday** mornings as we will be visiting West View for swimming lessons

Your child needs to come to school on their PE day in their uniform and bring their swimming kit in a separate bag.

**PSHE** – PSHE this term will focus on Health and Wellbeing, and we will be exploring what makes up our identity.

**R.E** – We will be looking at Buddhism and addressing the question: What do we mean by a good life?

**Science** – Our Science topic this term is Classification. Children will look into how living things, including micro-organisms, plants and animals are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics.

### HOME LEARNING

It is really important 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 once 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**.

This term, please encourage your child to access the online home support we have in place for spellings and times tables. Their weekly spellings are uploaded to Spelling frame and I encourage all children to use this to help them learn their weekly spellings at home as well as at school. They can also access TTRockstars to help them practise and consolidate their times tables knowledge.

If you do not have access to class dojo, please let me know and I will arrange access for you. Links to various homework help pages are on the school website.

Miss Heartfield & Ms Rozynska