

# Year 5 Curriculum Information

## Birch Class Spring 2 2026

### ENGLISH

This half term, Birch Class will focus on legends. We will be studying the legend of Beowulf in detail and use this to complete a number of short writing tasks, such as diaries, story extract and character descriptions. As well as this, we will develop a hybrid text in the form of a magazine. This will include a number of different text types, including persuasive writing, information texts and diaries.



### MATHS

This half term, the children will focus on a range of topics including calculating with decimal fractions, factors, multiples and prime numbers. We will also complete additional mastering number sessions to ensure that we are confident in multiplication.

The start of our lessons will focus on retrieval of prior learning to ensure that we are able to remember and use previously learnt topics. This will also enable us to see any areas that may need re-visiting.



### CURRICULUM

**Computing** – The topic this term is, 'Word Processing' and using apple pages on the I pads. The children will look at formatting, layout and using tables.

**Art** – We will focus on painting using watercolours. The children will use the work of the artist Heaton Cooper as the stimulus for their own work and relate to it to their Geography topic on mountains.

**Geography** – Our geography topic is on mountains. Children will develop an understanding of different mountains around the UK and the rest of the world, as well as how they are formed and the different types of mountains.

**Music** – We will be listening to and appraising different types of music and reflecting on the skills learnt throughout the year in order to develop a further understanding.

**PE** – Birch Class will continue with swimming lessons and life-saving skills on a Tuesday for this half term.

**PSHE** – PSHE this term will focus on health and wellbeing. We will focus on gaining knowledge of recognising when someone needs the emergency services.

**R.E** – Our RE will focus on Christianity, through the story of Easter. Children will discuss the question, "Why do Christians believe that Good Friday is good?"

**Science** – Our Science topic this term is forces. We will develop and deepen our understanding of areas such as gravity, air-resistance and water resistance.



### 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**.

As usual, the home learning grid has been provided for children. Please ensure children are also practising their spellings and times tables weekly.

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



If you have any issues please do not hesitate to get in touch,

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