

Year 5 Curriculum Information

Birch Class Summer 1 2026

ENGLISH

For this half term the main focus will be writing. We will be basing our writing around the novel Wonder by RJ Palacio. We will use the text and film clips to develop our understanding of the themes. Studying a range of genres, we will create our own pieces around the structures and grammar features we have learnt.



MATHS

This term begins with a topic on factors, multiples and prime numbers. We will then move on to fractions with a focus on addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

Alongside these topics we will be working daily on improving our speed and accuracy in our times tables.

If your child is still not confident with their times tables, it would be great if they could practise at home as this will help them immensely, especially as they move to Year 6 in September.

CURRICULUM

History – This term we are learning about the Tudors and the impact this period in history had on modern Britain and religion.

PE – PE this term will be athletics. Children need to come to school in their PE kits on a **Tuesday**. Some children will also be continuing with swimming lessons which will also take place on Tuesday mornings and they will need to bring their kit.

PSHE – In PSHE we will be looking at Life in the Wider World and, in particular, money. We will explore different ways we can make money and how to spend it wisely.

R.E – Following the question we have been looking at all year of, 'In what way is life like a journey?' the children will be looking at Christianity and addressing the question: If life is like a journey, what's the destination?

Science – In Science, we will be exploring the heart and the circulatory system where we will develop knowledge of their importance in the function of a human body.

Computing - In computing we will be exploring data bases and looking at how they work.

Design Technology – In DT we will be looking at structures and how we can design and construct a structure that is strong enough to use for our chosen purpose

HOME LEARNING

Reading

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**.

Homework

Please refer to the Home Learning Grid.

TTRS – children should practise their times tables at home regularly to improve their knowledge and speed.

Spelling Frame – children's weekly spellings are on the website for you to practise at home.

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