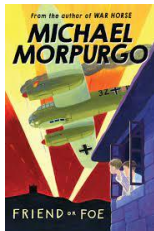


Year 5 Curriculum Information

Birch Class Autumn 1 2026

ENGLISH

This half term, Birch Class will study the novel 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. We will use this text alongside extracts from other texts 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 be developing their numerical knowledge by focusing on place value, answering problem solving questions and furthering their understanding of calculations.

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



CURRICULUM

Art – We will be focussing on different aspects of drawing and looking at the artist, Paul Gauguin. We will explore his artwork, focusing on his winter landscapes, which we will then use as a stimulus to create our own pieces of art.

Computing – This term we will be exploring 2D and 3D games. We will look at how they are made, have a go at creating our own and play and evaluate games made by others.

History – World War 1 and World War 2 is the topic for history this term. We will be starting with World War 1 looking at how the war started, who was involved and the impact it had on the UK.

Music – will be listening to and appraising different types of rock music before learning and performing the song 'Keep the Homes Fires Burning'.

PE – We will take part in PE lessons on a **Thursday**. We will be learning the skills and strategies for invasion games through football and netball.

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 Relationships. We will explore different types of relationships and how they change as we get older and become more independent.

R.E – Children will be looking at Christianity and addressing the question: Why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing?

Science – Our Science topic this term is The Life Cycle of Plants and Animals. We will be learning how all living things have a life cycle and the importance of the role that reproduction has in this.

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**.

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

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 and include links to Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Frame.

Miss Heartfield & Ms Rozynska

Reminders

PE Kit – Red t-shirt

Black shorts or leggings

Black pumps

Black joggers and trainers may be worn on PE day but children must bring shorts and pumps for the lesson.