



Curriculum Overview

An overview of what children will be learning in Birch Class

Spring 1 2024

English

In English this term we will be basing our written work on "Homer's Iliad & Odyssey" retold by Gillian Cross. This is a fascinating story of the Trojan War and the exciting adventures of Odysseus.

In Book Club, we have started to read "Cosmic" by Frank Cottrell-Boyce - a very amusing story about a very, very TALL ordinary twelve year old. Some people think he's a grown up and it's obvious from an early stage that Liam Digby (the boy in question) will be getting into all sorts of interesting situations!

There will be a NFER reading assessment paper for the children to have a go at and we are having a push on spelling, punctuation (particularly capital letters and full stops) and reading back for sense.

All of the children have a spelling test every Monday morning. These words need to be learnt this year so please encourage your children to practise at home in their pink spelling books. The little and often ap-

PE

The children will develop and apply their physical skills through focused development sessions, modified/non-traditional games and sports and healthy competition.

The "Real PE" model will continue to be used.

RE

In RE this term we are continuing to study: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today. We have already looked at different concepts such as the six articles of faith and how many Muslims live in our region.. As one example, we have also learnt about **Tawhid**: Or Worship meaning Obedience and Devotion.

Maths

This term we are finishing off the first unit of fractions before moving on to the second unit of multiplication and division. From there, we progress to the second unit of fractions before looking at decimals and percentages, perimeter and area and statistics. As per usual, we will have our White Rose **BEFORE** unit and **AFTER** unit assessments as well as a NFER assessment paper for the children to have a go at.

In order to really progress and feel far more confident in Maths, times table recall is essential (please use the TT Rock Stars). This can be done at home. Again, the little and often approach works best and the answers will eventually become automatic—rather than something that the children struggle to think of.

Science

This term we have started to explore:

Darwin's Theory of Evolution . We have looked at how this theory gives an explanation for how and why species change over time. We have also studied characteristics and variations of finches.

From Darwin, we will be moving on to look at fossilisation, the development of animal kingdoms, eras of time, homo sapiens and humans and animals in the present day.