

Birch Wood Area Special school

Class: 2MZ

Curriculum Information

'Where a love of learning grows'



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School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2020 Spring Term! This is much shorter term with 6 weeks until half term (17th February 2020). We are looking forward to an exciting and busy half term and we hope that the children will enjoy it.

We will have Yoga sessions on Monday, Swimming groups on Tuesday, Cooking, Phonics, and assembly on Wednesday, Mindfulness on Thursday, PE on Friday.

As well as the below, students will have access to the multi-sensory room, dark room and soft play room. Some students will take part in specialist programmes such as Horse Riding, Body awareness, Story massage, Tacpac, Pet therapy, Rebound therapy, Music therapy and Hydrotherapy; depending on their needs.

English / Literacy		
Creating independent stories		
Similar to last term we will be teaching two specific literacy lessons per week. Additionally, two phonics and a reading session will be added with a cross curricular approach across the school week. Our theme in Spring is 'Space.' Therefore, students will be given the opportunity to learn new vocabulary, Makaton signing and use their computing skills to learn about Space through digital technology equipment (Ipad, laptop) and from a range of books. Moreover, students will be creating stories from "story cards" and "story dice." Learners will take part in creating stories around their particular interests but using the resources. They will be learning together where each student has a finished piece of work and then in small groups, they will read each other's stories and make their way through the choices.		
Maths		
Number: fractions, doubling and halving, multiplication and division Shape, Space and Measure: 3D shapes, angles, time, weight, mass, length & capacity.		
Students will be given maths work in accordance with their own ability level and we will continue to work on their personal maths targets. All students will build on the skills that we have previously mastered and will access completely new areas of the maths curriculum too. We will be looking at shape, starting with 3D shapes and some of us will be exploring angles.		
Science	Senses	This term, students will be developing their knowledge of their senses. Each sense will be supported through fun, play based activities exploring in a sensory approach.
Enrichment	Music and Drama	The class will be continuing to take part in various 'warm up' games during our Yoga, Mindfulness lessons; where they will continue to build and develop their confidence of speaking in front of an audience and answering fun questions in front of their peers. We will participate in work on pitch, tempo and instrument recognition during our Music lessons. Pupils will be focus as they can only use their ears as they take part in Music bingo activities.
Computing	Word processing	Students will be supported to use laptops and iPad to search for information on the internet. They will word



		process changing the font and size of lettering when answering questions. Students will be completing a series of sessions about internet safety.
PSHEC	Changes and new beginnings.	Pupils will take part in role play activities with their peers and talk about how they could respond positively to different situations that may occur in their lives. The sessions are to help the students with their social and emotional education alongside their health and wellbeing. Our mindfulness sessions are built around developing our emotional intelligence, teaching self-awareness and practical strategies for self-regulation.
Cookery	Following recipes and instructions, identifying different ingredients, learning new cooking methods.	Students will continue to take part in cookery lessons that will be making a snack to eat. The lessons will introduce life skills, creating snacks which can be easy and accessible for all students to create.
PE/ Swimming/ Hydrotherapy	Ball skills, fine motor skills, Gymnastics, balancing, Individual swimming targets.	In PE students will continue to focus on various activities to support the learning and development of each student's gross motor skills. Swimming will be taught in groups once a week where it will be introducing swimming techniques and behaviour around water to keep them safe. We will then move onto stroke techniques.

Things that you could do at home:

Literacy: read regularly with your child to support their understanding of speaking, listening and phonics.

Maths: use money with your child when they are out in the community. Give more opportunities to further their understanding and confidence in buying objects.

PSHE: Talk about any changes in routine that may be happening in their lives (different class, different school, change of weekend routine etc...)

Computing: Play simple directional games together ("move forwards two steps, move left three steps...")

Cookery: Include your child in cooking activities that they can take part in, ask them to collect different ingredients during a food shop or from the cupboards at home.

PE: Play games together (football, catch, balancing activities). Take your child swimming if you can as well.

Here are a few website that may help to support your child's learning

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

We are pleased to help you with any questions you may have about your child. Thank you and we all look forward to an exciting half term!

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