



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term Newsletter for The Treehouse

It is wonderful to see your children back after what has clearly been a memorable Summer for all.

As we settle into our new classroom we have also welcomed two new students, Oliver and Oscar are already making friends and for those children who were together last year they have been incredibly supportive to the new arrivals. We now have specialist teachers joining us for a variety of subjects; Deena for ICT, Alison for P.E, Metesh for Art, Steph for Social Communication and Phil for Design Technology.

As usual, the newsletter provides a short summary of the topics and focus areas for your child's learning. Alongside this, we continue to work hard to make sure that the student's mental, social and emotional health is at the forefront of all our teaching.

Our class are following the Aspire Pathway. This means they are learning subject specific content which is personalised to their strengths and needs. The table below gives an outline of topics, content, knowledge and skills that we will be looking at over the next term. In addition to this, and dependent on individual need, the pupils in our class also have access to swimming and hydrotherapy, rebound therapy, SALT/OT, music therapy, tac pac and Pet therapy with Daisy.

Maths		
Autumn Term 1	Statistics	<p>Students will recognise all the different graphs and charts and the variety of ways that data can be recorded.</p> <p>We will learn to research a topic and ask leading questions to gather the information we need.</p> <p>Students will begin to draw and plot graphs in a variety of formats.</p>
Autumn Term 2	Geometry	<p>Students will recognise properties of shapes, symmetry, angles, and where appropriate dimensions and transference.</p> <p>We will learn geometrical terms and vocabulary and also create a student lead 3D object.</p>
English		
Autumn Term 1	Factual texts	<p>Students will focus on non-fiction texts, comprehension and extracting information from reference texts relating to our Jurassic World topic.</p>
Autumn Term 2	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	<p>We will explore all the reading and writing tools of the Punctuation face.</p> <p>We will understand their usage and begin to apply some to our written work.</p> <p>We will revisit our high frequency spelling and homophones.</p>

Reading		
Autumn Term 2	Factual texts	Students will focus on non-fiction and reference texts relating to our Jurassic Word topic. Guided and group reading Library sessions each week
Autumn Term 1	Character driven texts	Central character texts acting as a focus for the reader to develop their understanding of character description relating to our Storytellers topic. Guided and group reading Library sessions each week
PSHCE		
Autumn Term 1	Health and wellbeing	Developing our Zones of Regulation Curriculum for this school year and beginning of Key Stage 3. Developing wellbeing strategies New areas of interest
Autumn Term 2	Me, Myself and I	Learning about the qualities and characteristics we share and those that are individual to us. Beginning our exploration into the personal changes that come as we grow older and approach our teenage years.
Science		
Autumn Term 1	Forces	Understanding the structure of the Earth Identifying different types of rocks Learning about Fossils and how they are made
Autumn Term 2	Growing and changing	Supporting our Me, Myself and I topic, we will begin to learn about how our bodies begin to change as we grow and develop at different ages.
Topic		
Autumn Term 1	Jurassic World	Whether it's a Marvel Superhero or Villain, historical figure of the past or a real-life heroic acquaintance, your child will identify their own particular hero or villain in this student lead topic.
Autumn Term 2	Storytellers	Exploring some of the classic novels of our time Looking at different writing genre's and styles Interpreting underlying messages within fictional texts.
P.E		
Autumn Term 1	Teamwork	Students will begin the term using a variety of different learning activities, some sport specific to develop their teamwork and communication skills. Students will then continue to develop on these areas together with improving their competence in Sport Specific skills



Autumn Term 2	Gymnastics and Invasion Games	Students will specifically focus on the sport of Gymnastics and also complete a unit on a chosen invasion games. Students will be aiming to develop their sense of challenge, physical competence, communication and creativity within these units.
Computing		
Autumn Term 1 and 2	Film making	Students will explore the creative side of IT. They will be developing skills in creating their very own movie/documentary using suitable software.
Art		
Autumn Term 1	Van Gogh	Starry Night Students will be learning to read a painting in group discussions, identifying key words. The theme is landscapes (fore, middle & background) and learning to draw the natural forms and made shapes students will observe. A range of Media will be used.
Autumn Term 2	Lutz Barr	Modern Still Life Students will be learning to read a painting in group discussions, identifying key words. The theme is still life objects, developing an understanding of line and composition, using shapes and forms of objects to create drawings and painting with a range of Media.
Cooking		
Autumn Term 1	Taste testing Food groups Practical sessions Health and Safety	Students will learn about allergies and intolerances, whilst exploring alternative products. Health and safety expectations around the kitchen and during the use of unfamiliar equipment. How do we keep ourselves safe?
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Interventions		
Autumn Term 1	Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar Phonics Times Tables Calligraphy	Individual learning programmes to develop functional skills at your child's appropriate stage.
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Design and Technology		
Autumn Term 1	Sweet dispenser	Learners will explore basic mechanisms to design and create a Sweet dispenser that will develop basic knowledge of CAD/CAM.
Autumn Term 2	Carousel	Learners will explore and develop skills using basic tools: coping-saws, pillar drill, and laser cutter to create a Carousel.

Things you could do at home

Maths: Times tables, Money recognition and telling time

Literacy: Regular reading and discussing story characters – identify adjectives, verbs and nouns

Preparation for Adulthood: Discuss the changes in our bodies as we get older.

Motor skills – writing/colouring or cutting with scissors develops fine motor skills.

Practise independence skills such as brushing teeth/hair, tidying rooms, making your own drink or snack and tying shoelaces.

If you are unsure about anything, please email me on goddardl@birchwoodschoo.co.uk. I am always happy to help you with any questions you may have about your child.

We are all looking forward to another exciting school year.

Best wishes from The Treehouse team

Lisa, Rob, Frances, Rebecca and Mark