



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Summer and look forward to the new academic year. This year sees the implementation of new subjects into our curriculum; Food for Life and Music. This is a great opportunity for pupils to access and develop skills for the next part of their learning journey. We have also had building work completed which sees a new Art room and design to The Atrium. We are adapting well and to the new timings of the lessons this year.

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.

Maths	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Number Place Value and 4 Operations	<i>Students working at Prep 4 and above</i> Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge Algebra <i>Students working between Launch 1-Prep3</i> Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge Money
English	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Stone Cold - (Post-1914 Novel) - analysing quotations; tracking themes and characters; using PEEL; context; homelessness (society).	Narrative Writing for Younger Children – story planning; structure; setting; characters.
PSHE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Unique me, differences & conflict, LGBTQ+ Teenage Pregnancy awareness Online and Media influences Media and relationships	Assertiveness Prejudice and discrimination My values and those of others Challenging stereotypes Discrimination in school How prejudice and discrimination feel bullying Being inclusive
Reading	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Students will access a range of reading materials appropriate to their individual level, to help them develop their reading, comprehension and inference skills. These sessions will include phonics where appropriate, book level reading books, reading for pleasure and non-fiction reading related to current affairs.	
Science	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Cells TDA – Effects of Insulation	Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table TDA – Investigating Speed

Humanities	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>History</u> Women's Suffrage Explore historical examples of speeches given by suffragettes to help increase public support for a woman's right to vote, as well as other examples that focus on women's rights.</p>	<p><u>History</u> The Black Death and its social and economic impact Explore this historical event that have an impact to the world and how this event had an impact on society.</p>
R.E.	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>The Buddha: how and why do his experiences and teachings have meaning for people today?</u> Explore the religious of Buddhism. To understand the beliefs and values of the religion and the importance to Buddhists.</p>	
ICT	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>Creative Media</u> Digital Media Explore and develop skills in creating digital media (DVD/Movie covers/Billboards) using photo editor software: Adobe Photoshop.</p>	
Art/Design/Food Rotation	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>Design</u> Packaging Net Design You will be investigating a range of net designs used in packaging. You will test, develop and make a prototype packaging, for the theme of cereal packaging using geometric shapes as your inspiration.</p>	<p><u>Food</u> Develop knowledge of food safety and kitchen hygiene Eggs –uses in cooking Nutritional Value</p>
PE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>Functional Movement</u> <u>OAA/Team Building</u> Initial movement assessment made by teacher. Establishing rules and routines. Teaching Fundamental movement and communication skills.</p> <p><u>Indoor Athletics Prep</u> Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and co-ordination) Further establishing rules and routines Development of co-operational play.</p>	<p><u>Team Games/ Invasion Games</u> Ball skills Throwing, catching, kicking etc Negotiating space and embedding rules. Developing communication for team games</p>
Music	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Introduction to Music Production using Technology</p>	

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Food For Life	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Nature 01 Type of soil How vegetables grow	Climate 01 Understanding Climate Effect of climate on food and seasons
Drama	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Script Writing and Directing Students will learn the conventional factors of script writing. Students will write a duologue that will derive from a stimulus	20th Century Practitioners A unit that explores three 20 th century practitioners and how they influenced theatre today.

If you are unsure about anything, please email us on saxbye@birchwoodschoo.co.uk and chanj@birchwoodschoo.co.uk . We are always happy to help you with any questions you may have about your child.

Thank you for your continued support,

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