



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all thrilled to be back to school and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child back to school and share with you the topics and units of work being covered throughout the Autumn Term.

A variety of subject specialists offer learning opportunities with the support of a team dedicated to help each student to achieve their potential and to help them to gain confidence in their ability to succeed. As always, we work hard to make sure that the students mental, social and emotional health is at the forefront of our teaching and learning and we will continue to work towards individualised targets linked to students' Educational Health Care Plans.

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 Rebound therapy, Lego therapy, Speech and Language therapy, as well as occupational therapy.

Maths	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Number Place Value and 4 Operations	<i>Students working between Launch 1-Prep3</i> Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge Money <i>Students working at Prep 4 and above</i> Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge Algebra
English	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Synoptic unit linked to 'Music'. Reading skills; Entry Level 2 style questions; retrieval; vocabulary; selecting information and evidence.	Synoptic unit linked to 'Holidays'. Reading skills; Entry Level 2 style questions; retrieval; vocabulary; selecting information and evidence.
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
Forces Energy Changes	Infection & Response ESA - Biology
Humanities	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>History</u> Women's Suffrage</p> <p>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</p> <p>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></p> <p>Explore the religious of Buddhism. To understand the beliefs and values of the religion and the importance to Buddhists.</p>	
Art/ Design/ Food Rotation	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>Food</u></p> <p>Develop knowledge of food safety and kitchen hygiene Eggs –uses in cooking Nutritional Value</p>	<p><u>Art</u> Favellas</p> <p>The Den will explore a project that focuses on how to carefully construct using cardboard and a range of materials. Their work will be informed by factual information based on favela's in Brazil, research and then developed using their own imaginative twists.</p>
ICT	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Creative Media Digital Media</p> <p>Explore and develop skills in creating digital media (DVD/Movie covers, Billboards) using photo editor software: Adobe Photoshop.</p>	
PE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Functional Movement (OAA/Team Building)</p> <p>Initial movement assessment made by teacher. Establishing rules and routines.</p> <p>Fundamental movement and communication skills. (Indoor Athletics Prep)</p> <p>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>Team Games/ Invasion Games</p> <p>Ball skills (Throwing, catching, kicking etc). Negotiating space and embedding rules. Developing communication for team games (this may still be with adults).</p>

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Music	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Introduction to Music Production using Technology	
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
Commedia Dell'Arte Students will explore the history of Commedia Dell'Arte and understand its origins and how it has influenced comedy today.	Macbeth This unit students will be introduced to the history of the Jacobean Period and explore the play <i>Macbeth</i> by William Shakespeare

If you are unsure about anything, please email me on HUDSOND@BIRCHWOODSCHOOL.CO.UK . I am always happy to help you with any questions you may have about your child.

Thank you for your continued support,

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