

Birch Wood Area Special
 school
Class 7DP
 Autumn 2024
 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a wonderful summer break. The students have settled in well into their new tutor group and showed enthusiasm for learning coming back from their summer break. Thank you all for your support so far.

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
<p>Number Place Value and 4 Operations</p>	<p>Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge Money Money Handling skills</p>
English	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Transition writing task – based on an extract from ‘The Boy at the Back of the Class’ Norse mythology – Beowulf</p>	<p>Weather poetry – linked to autumn/winter themes (e.g. fireworks)</p>
PSHE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Personal strengths</p>	<p>Feeling unwell Feeling frightened/worried</p>
Reading	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>KS3 Fluency Pathway Words of the week Guided reading Own choice, levelled book Non-fiction articles Phonics Pathway Pupils receive daily phonics sessions appropriate to their needs and module level using Ruth Miskin’s Read Write Inc Fresh Start.</p>	
Science	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Cells & Movement Variation & human reproduction</p>	<p>Energy costs & energy Transfer Light & sound</p>

Humanities	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>Geography</u> <u>'Our Local Area' (Fieldwork)</u></p> <p>Explore and develop knowledge about the world, starting with the immediate environment and building. Students will explore the local area using first-hand observation and experience to enhance their awareness along with essential map skills and fieldwork.</p>	<p><u>Geography</u> <u>Ecosystems</u></p> <p>Explore the natural environment including rainforests, arctic tundra and deserts. It includes key concepts that involve both human and physical elements as well as threats to our planet.</p>
RE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>Who do Christians say made the world?</u></p> <p>Explore religious stories of Christianity and discuss the meaning of importance. Students will be given opportunities to understand why they are important to believers.</p>	<p><u>Who is a Muslim and how do they live?</u></p> <p>Explore the key beliefs of Islam and the way they live.</p>
ICT	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>File and Folder Management</u></p> <p>Develop understanding and organisation skills.</p> <p><u>Computing</u> <u>Computer Networks</u></p> <p>Develop knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> <u>Micro Bit Hardware</u></p> <p>Explore clipping blocks in a program and predict what will happen while making connections with programming interfaces.</p>
Art /Food /DT Rotation	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p><u>Design</u> <u>Home Sweet Home</u></p> <p>7DP will be Investigating and produce a 2D/3D design and prototype of a home with all the rooms. Learning to identify and draw geometric 2D shapes, designing rooms and creating a prototype of a house, an Open House and a 3D City scape.</p>	<p><u>Food</u> <u>Fruit</u></p> <p>Introducing new tastes and uses in cooking Taste - Ed Seasonal cooking</p>
PE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Initial movement assessment made by teacher.</p> <p><u>Team Games</u></p> <p>Negotiating space, embedding rules and developing communication for team games.</p>	<p>Gymnastics- this could be floor or vaulting. Teaching fundamental movement through space – focus on strength, balance and co-ordination.</p>

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Music	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Film Music</p> <p>Using instruments and body percussion to compose a piece of music for a film clip Earth – Hanz Zimmer (BBC Ten Pieces)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">British Pop Music</p> <p>Boy and girl bands from 90's to today Choose and perform a song</p>
Drama/Moving Together/British Sign Language Rotation	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p style="text-align: center;">Drama</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Development of Drama Skills</u></p> <p>Revisiting and exploring new drama techniques to build upon student's toolkits and knowledge.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">British Sign Language</p> <p>Introducing Myself and Family Including Finger Spelling</p>

If you are unsure about anything, please email me on pateld@birchwoodschoo.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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