



Dear Parents and Carers

The students have settled in well into their new year 9 tutor group and showed enthusiasm for learning coming back from their summer break. Thank-you all for your continued support.

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</p> <p>Place Value and 4 Operations Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division Including problem solving.</p>	<p><i>Students working between Launch 1-Prep3</i></p> <p>Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge</p> <p>Money</p> <p><i>Students working at Prep 4 and above</i></p> <p>Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge</p> <p>Algebra</p>
English	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Stone Cold - (Post-1914 Novel) - analysing quotations; tracking themes and characters; using PEEL; context; homelessness (society)</p>	<p>Narrative Writing for younger children – story planning; structure; setting; characters.</p>
PSHE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p>Prejudice and Discrimination</p>	<p>Keeping Safe on line Emergency situations</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</p> <p>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 Scientific enquiry – Effects of Insulation</p>	<p>Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table Scientific enquiry – Investigating Speed</p>

Humanities	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p align="center"><u>Geography-</u></p> <p align="center">Regional Study – Antarctica and Polar Regions</p> <p>Explore and discover knowledge about these regions and the positive and negatives for it</p>	<p align="center"><u>Geography</u></p> <p align="center">The Middle East</p> <p>Explore why the Middle East is such an important world region. It covers both physical and human geography as well as the vast difference in their economy.</p>
RE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p align="center"><u>Good, bad; right, wrong: how do I decide?</u></p> <p>To explore how some religious and non-religious ideas, beliefs and teachings guide people in making moral decisions.</p>	<p align="center"><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>
ICT	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p align="center"><u>File and Folder Management</u></p> <p align="center">Develop understanding and organisation skills.</p> <p align="center"><u>Creative Media</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Photo Editing and Graphics</u></p> <p>Explore and develop skills in creating digital media (DVD/Movie covers, Billboards) using photo editor software: Adobe Photoshop.</p>	
Art /Food /DT Rotation	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<u>Design</u>	<u>Food</u>
PE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<p align="center"><u>Functional Movement</u></p> <p>Initial movement assessment made by teacher. Teaching Fundamental movement and communication skills.</p> <p align="center"><u>Indoor Athletics Prep</u></p> <p>Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and co-ordination) Development of co-operational play.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Team Games/ Invasion Games</u></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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Food for Life	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Develop knowledge of food safety and kitchen hygiene Eggs – uses in cooking Nutritional Value	Vegetable – introducing new tastes and uses in cooking Seasonal cooking
Drama/Music/French Rotation	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
French French Introducing yourself	Music Pop music – electronic – using music technology – skills Project based with brief – resulting in recording or saved file of finished song

If you are unsure about anything, please email us on Oderab@birchwoodschoo.co.uk or Thakored@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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