



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer. We are delighted to have your child join us in IGB this year. Please see the outline of the curriculum topics during the Autumn Term.

Our class are following the Independence Pathway. This means they are learning some subject specific content which is highly 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.

<b>Numeracy</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
<b>Number</b> Count, Read, write and Order	<b>Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge</b> <b>Number</b> 4 Operations
<b>Literacy and Communication</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
Harvest Festival Poetry Theme: Food Glorious Food	A Midsummer Night's Dream Theme: Ch Ch Changes
<b>PSHE</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
We are all equal Getting on with others	Public and Private
<b>Reading</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
<b>KS3 Fluency Pathway</b> Words of the week Guided reading Own choice, levelled book Non-fiction articles <b>Phonics Pathway</b> Pupils receive daily phonics sessions appropriate to their needs and module level using Ruth Miskin's Read Write Inc Fresh Start.	
<b>World around Us</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
How do plants grow World War Two- Rationing Local area Harvest Festival Rosh Hashanah	Nutrition and Food Chains The Stone Age The Polar Regions Diwali Christmas

<b>Food</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
Hygiene and Safety in the kitchen Taste –Education – using senses to explore foods	Knife Skills/Washing skills Seasonal celebration cooking Taste –Education – using senses to explore foods
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
Design & Make artwork for the sensory garden & the F4L garden to enrich the environment.  Searching & drawing images of flowers.	Design & Make artwork for the sensory garden & the F4L garden to enrich the environment.  Making and painting wooden artworks of flowers
<b>Art</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
Elements of Art: Mark making and colour	Elements of Art: Shapes and re-visit line, texture and colour
<b>ICT</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
File and Folder Management Use of IT in the real world Logging on/Touch Typing/Using a mouse Cause and Effect Games	Internet Safety Use of IT in the real world Logging on/Touch Typing/Using a mouse Cause and Effect Games
<b>PE</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
MATP and Team Games	MATP and Functional Movement (Gymnastics)
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
Film Music- Hans Zimmer’s Earth- Composition	Festival and Choral Singing
<b>Drama</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
Process Drama: Farmer Birch	Pantomime: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
<b>Enrichment</b>	
My Community: Cake Sale Enterprise Sensory Story- Farmer Birch’s Harvest Dance Massage Attention Autism	My Community: Road Safety and Travel Skills Sensory Story: A Midsummer Night’s Dream Makaton Attention Autism

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If you are unsure about anything, please email me on [Bottrillg@birchwoodschoo.co.uk](mailto:Bottrillg@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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