



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final Summer Term, we are thankful for all the hard work the students have given us this year, and how much we have enjoyed being their Year 8 tutors. We are all still working hard across the curriculum to ensure students are making progress and hitting their personal targets. Below you will find a list of the topics our young people are studying this term.

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	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Geometry Shape and Measure	Statistics Data Handling skills
English	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Narrative Writing – characterisation; writing a monologue.	Synoptic Unit (theme depending on interests linked to Stone Cold) - reading skills; Entry Level 2 style questions; retrieval; vocabulary; selecting information and evidence.
PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Mental Wellbeing Physical Activity	Managing Online Information
Reading	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p><u>KS3 Fluency Pathway</u> Words of the week Guided reading Own choice, levelled book Non-fiction articles</p> <p><u>Phonics Pathway</u> Pupils receive daily phonics sessions appropriate to their needs and module level using Ruth Miskin's Read Write Inc Fresh Start.</p>	
Science	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Climate & Earth's Resources Respiration & Photosynthesis	Contact Force & Pressure Ions & Electrolysis
Humanities	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p><u>History</u> <u>Slavery (African American History)</u> Explore historical examples to gain an awareness of slavery, historical and modern day</p>	

RE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p align="center"><u>What matters most to humanists and Christians?</u></p> <p>To explore religious and non-religious groups. To explore and understand their beliefs and values. Students to begin to think about their own beliefs and make connections to personal experiences.</p>	
ICT	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p align="center"><u>Digital Literacy</u> <u>Internet Safety</u></p> <p>Explore and develop knowledge in the dangers of being online and ways to stay safe.</p>	
Art /Food /DT Rotation	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p align="center">Design</p> <p>Sum 1: Village Life 2:</p> <p>8MJ will be producing a range of designs for their unique house ideas in the style of J. Rizzi. Plan and produce a free-standing 3D Village of their ideas which links to the whole class.</p>	<p align="center">Food</p> <p>Review and revisit Health and safety, cooking skills and terms</p>
PE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p align="center"><u>Net Games</u> <u>(Tennis)</u></p> <p>Continued development of fundamental movement skills specifically that of striking. Further establishing rules and routines. Development of co-operational play and competition.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Functional Movement</u> <u>(Moving for Fitness and Athletics/ Sports day prep)</u></p> <p>Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and co-ordination) Further establishing rules and routines Development of co-operational competition.</p>
Food For Life	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Using the Eat Well Guide to investigate the secret about the hidden sugars in Cereal targeted at young people.	<p>Celebrating Our growing year. Harvesting, Clearing up garden. Prepare soil.</p>
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p align="center">Drama Shakespeare- Macbeth</p> <p>This unit students will be introduced to the history of the Jacobean Period and explore the play <i>Macbeth</i> by William Shakespeare.</p>	<p align="center">French I would like...</p>

If you are unsure about anything, please email us on Boydj@birchwoodschool.co.uk or Mistrym@birchwoodschool.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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