



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! We are excited to begin this final stretch of the academic year, filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. This term promises a rich and varied curriculum around our two wider curriculum focuses- Shine (space theme) and Around the World. As the weather warms, we'll also make the most of opportunities for outdoor learning opportunities. Please keep an eye on our updates, as we'll be sharing important dates and highlights throughout the term. Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a fantastic summer 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.

Numeracy	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Geometry Shape and Measure	Statistics Data Handling skills
Literacy and Communication	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Fiction Writing 'Out of this World' Theme: Shine	Around the World in 80 Days – Jules Verne – writing focus. Theme: Around the World
PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Keeping Well	Belonging to a Community
Reading	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
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.	
World around Us	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
The Solar System and Light and Dark	World Festivals and World Transport
Food	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Handling eggs skills safely, cracking, beating etc. Taste –Education – using senses to explore foods	Review and revisit cooking skills Seasonal cooking Taste –Education – using senses to explore foods

Design	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Searching & drawing images of fruit & veg	Making and painting wooden artworks of fruit & veg.
Art	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
IGB will explore the theme 'Shine' by looking at galaxies and space, and creating their own marble ink planets. Students will explore using tone in their artwork in order to better understand light / dark. Students will create 3D planets using mixed media and display these together to showcase their own 'shine' exhibition.	IGB are studying the Topic 'Around the World'. This art project begins in Africa, looking at African patterns and exploring mark making, where the students then have the opportunity to apply these patterns and techniques to their own African mask. Pupils will also explore art from other cultures / continents, including Asia and Australia.
Computing	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Computing Logging in to a laptop Using touch typing to search for song or image of their choice	Computational Thinking - Robot Begin to develop basics skills in programming using Robots.
PE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
MATP & Striking and Fielding	MATP & Functional Movement (Sports day prep)
Music	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Ensemble performances- World Music: Samba	
Enrichment	
Story Massage Write Dance Dough Disco Sensory Story My Shopping and Life Skills	

If you are unsure about anything, please email me on Bottrillg@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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