Birch Wood Area Special School Class TDH Summer2025 Curriculum Newsletter









Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone, we hope you have had a restful break; it has been wonderful to see that the students have returned ready to work hard in the last term of the year. TDH have had a very positive first couple of weeks back.

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.

N	laths	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Geometry	Statistics	
English		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Alice in Wonderland – fantasy narrative	Play scripts – Shakespeare	
Non-chronological reports	Poetry – free verse	
•	Reading – skills unit 3	
	PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Keeping Well	Belonging to a community	
Reading Summer Term 1 Summer Term 2		
	ency Pathway	
Words of the week		
Guided reading		
Own choice, levelled book		
Non-fiction articles		
<u>Phonics Pathway</u>		
	eir needs and module level using Ruth Miskin's Read Write	
Inc F	resh Start.	
Science		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Animals including humans	Rocks and soil	
	Evolution and inheritance	
Circulatory system	Evolution and innertance	
	Scientific enquiry	
Circulatory system Scientific enquiry		

Changes within living memory

Travel and Transport

Explore the development of travel and transport throughout history. Students gain an understanding of chronology through using timelines and making comparisons between old and new forms of transport.

RE		
Summer Term 1	Summer term 2	
Which places are special and why? Explore different places of worship around the world that are visited by worshippers.		
ICT		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Digital Literacy	Use of IT in the real world	
Internet Safety	Logging on/Touch Typing/Using a mouse	
Explore and develop knowledge in the dangers of being	Develop skills in using a keyboard and mouse	
online and ways to stay safe.	correctly. Students to also develop skills in logging	
	on to computers independently.	
Art /Food /DT Rotation		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Design	Food	
Community Spirit	Review and revisit cooking skills	
TDH will be exploring a wide range of different house	Seasonal cooking	
designs. They will analyse and produce research on the	Taste –Education – using senses to explore foods	
work of J. Rizzi's house art. They will design and make a		
row of linked houses in the style of Rizzi's community		
art style.		
PE		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Striking and Fielding	Functional Movement	
Continued development of fundamental movement	(Moving for Fitness and Athletics/ Sports day prep)	
skills specifically that of striking.	Teaching Fundamental movement skills	
Further establishing rules and routines	Further establishing rules and routines	
Development of co-operational play.	Development of co-operational play.	
Music		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Music about nature – listening and sound-scape		
Making comparisons between pieces of music and developing awareness of different composers. Using sounds		
to create a response to music heard or other stimuli.		
Drama/Moving Together/British Sign Language Rotation		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Moving Together	Drama	
Exploring Different Dance Styles	Greek Theatre: Exploring the history of Greek Theatre and the skills	
	associated with it. Students will learn how to act as	
	an ensemble, in unison and in cannon as well as	
	looking at political theatre in history	
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Thank you for your continued support,

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