Birch Wood Area Special School Class **The Den** Summer 2025 Curriculum Newsletter









Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holiday, we hope you have had a restful break. It has been wonderful to see that the students have returned ready to embrace the last term of the year.

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	Statistics	
Shape and Measure	Data Handling skills	
English		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Shakespeare text	Shakespeare text	
Macbeth	Macbeth	
PSHE		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Medicinal Drugs	Medicinal Drugs	
Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	
Reading		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
KS3 Fluency Pathway		
Words of the week		
Guided reading		
Own choice, levelled book		
Non-fiction articles		
<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.		
Science		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Inheritance & evolution	Chemistry of our Atmosphere	
	ESA - Chemistry	
Humanities		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
<u>Geography</u>		
Globalisation: Is the world shrinking?		
Geography		

RE		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
What difference does it make to be non-religious in Britain today?		
To explore non-religious views and how they live life in Britain today.		
ICT		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
IT User Skills Students will be starting their IT qualification – The Learning Machine (TLM). Students will be working on their unit of work for their IT qualification Unit 12 (2 credits) - Presentation Software		
Art /Food /DT Rotation		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Summer Term 1 Net Games (Tennis) Continued development of fundamental movement skills specifically that of striking.	Design Village Life 2: DEN 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. PE Summer Term 2 Functional Movement (Moving for Fitness and Athletics/ Sports day prep) Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and	
Further establishing rules and routines	co-ordination)	
Development of co-operational play and competition.	Further establishing rules and routines	
Development of co-operational competition. Food For Life		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Using the Eat Well Guide to investigate the secret	Celebrating	
about the hidden sugars in Cereal targeted at young people.	Our growing year. Harvesting, Clearing up garden. Prepare soil.	
Drama/Music/French Rotation		
Summer Term 1 Summer Term 2		
French I would like	Pop music – indie Playing in a band	
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If you are unsure about anything, please email me on Nixa@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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