



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to The Den! We are so pleased to have our students back with us and it's wonderful to see everyone starting the term so positively. You've made a great start already and we are excited for all the learning, creativity and achievements ahead. This year is full of opportunities and we're confident it's going to be a fantastic one!

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	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Number/Fraction Place Value and 4 Operations. Fractions of shapes and numbers. Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge.	Number/Fraction Place Value and 4 Operations. Fractions of shapes and numbers. Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge.
English	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Synoptic unit linked to 'Music'. Reading skills; Entry Level 2 style questions; retrieval; vocabulary; selecting information and evidence.	Synoptic unit linked to 'Detectives'. Reading skills; Entry Level 2 style questions; retrieval; vocabulary; selecting information and evidence.
PSHE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Managing Pressure.	Public and Private Gambling.
Reading	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
KS3 Fluency Pathway Words of the week. Guided reading. Own choice, levelled book. Non-fiction article.s Phonics Pathway Pupils receive daily phonics sessions appropriate to their needs and module level using Ruth Miskin's Read Write Inc Fresh Start.	
Science	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Acids and bases. Magnets and electromagnets.	Resistance and parallel circuits. Patterns in the periodic table.

ICT	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<u>File and Folder Management</u> Develop understanding and organisation skills. Students to create their folders for the new academic year (lesson 1). <u>Use of IT in the real world -</u> <u>Developing skills in using Word</u> Explore and develop skills in using tools in Microsoft Word. Students will be planning and creating a product as part of their assessment.	
RE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<u>Good, bad; right, wrong: how do I decide?</u> To explore how some religious and non-religious ideas, beliefs and teachings guide people in making moral decisions.	<u>How can people express the spirituality through the arts?</u> To explore how people express spirituality in different ways (e.g. through art, music, activism).
Humanities	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<u>Geography-The UK</u> Explore the UK's countries and major cities - from the physical characteristics of mountains, rivers and seas to human characteristics.	<u>Geography-</u> <u>'Around the world'</u> Explore the world's countries focusing on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America.
ADT Rotation	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<u>Design</u> The Parade Part 1– investigate a variety of buildings and themes of food court shops in a Parade and create a 3D outcome.	<u>Art</u> Figure Human form in 3D.
PE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<u>Functional Movement</u> <u>(OAA/Team Building)</u> Initial movement assessment made by teacher. Establishing rules and routines. Teaching Fundamental movement and communication skills. <u>(Indoor Athletics Prep)</u> Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and co-ordination) <u>Team Games/ Invasion Games</u> Negotiating space, embedding rules and developing communication for team games.	<u>Invasion Games</u> Ball skills (Throwing, catching, rolling etc). Negotiating space and embedding rules. Developing communication for team games. Groups may cover 1 choice of sport or complete 2 intro's over the term. <u>Functional Movement</u> <u>(Gymnastics)</u> Teaching fundamental movement through space – focus on strength, balance and co-ordination. Develop awareness of personal space and boundaries of touch. Modelling and begin giving feedback on performance.

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Food for Life	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<u>Corn</u> Learning about Corn Part 1– facts, what products you can buy and understanding the vitamins the plant contains.	<u>Corn</u> Learning about Corn Part 2– where I the world do potatoes grow, how they grow. Understanding the plants.
Creative Arts and Languages Rotation	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
<u>French</u> <u>C'est Moi (It's Me)</u> Making introductions, describing ourselves.	<u>Drama</u> <u>Mischief theatre</u> Exploring silliness within theatre.

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