

Birch Wood Area Special School
Tutor group 7KJ
Teaching group 7DP
 Summer 2026
 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter Holidays. It is wonderful to see the students have returned and are ready to embrace the last term of the academic year. We are excited about the term ahead as we continue to see our students grow in independence with their learning. Please see below the outline of all the subject areas and what teaching and learning is being covered this term in Year 7.

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 skill	
English	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
A Midsummer Night's Dream	
PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Elements of a healthy lifestyle	Diversity/rights and responsibilities
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.	
Science	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Human skeleton, joints, and muscles Scientific enquiry	Ecosystems Scientific enquiry

Humanities	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p><u>History</u></p> <p>The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain</p> <p>Explore the spread of the Roman Empire out of Italy and across large parts of Europe, parts of North Africa and West Asia. Discover how Britain changed after the invasion and conquest by the Roman Army.</p>	
RE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p><u>Who is Jewish and how do they live?</u></p> <p>Explore the religion of Judaism. To understand the core beliefs and values of the religion and place of worship.</p>	
ICT	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p><u>Computer Networks</u></p> <p>Develop knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p><u>Micro Bit Hardware</u></p> <p>Explore clipping blocks in a program and predict what will happen while making connections with programming interfaces.</p>
Art /Food /DT Rotation	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p><u>Design</u></p> <p>Village Life Part 2 – develop produce a final 3D outcome a wooden toy and evaluate against the specifications.</p>	<p><u>Art</u></p> <p>Food and Drink part 2 ‘Fruit and Veg’</p>
PE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p><u>Striking and Fielding</u></p> <p>Comp: Continued development of fundamental movement skills specifically that of striking and fielding. Development of co-operational play and developing game play tactics.</p>	<p><u>Functional Movement</u> <u>(Athletics/ Sports day prep)</u></p> <p>To practice/replicate events that will be performed on Sports Day/Athletic events or festivals. Develop overall athletic ability across the disciplines of run, jump & throw.</p> <p>Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and co-ordination)</p> <p>Further establishing rules and routines Development of co-operational competition.</p>

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Music	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Listening and exploring sound – nature sound-scapes	Graphic score to standard notation - rhythm
Creative Arts and Language Rotation	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moving Together</u></p> <p>Moving Together Showcase- Students will be learning new dance routines that will be used in the Moving Together showcase at the Curve Theatre.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>British Sign Language</u></p> <p>Moving Together Showcase- Students will be learning new song that will be used in the Moving Together showcase at the Curve Theatre. Students will be learning signs about Health and wellbeing.</p>

If you are unsure about anything, please e-mail me at jacksonk@birchwoodschoo.co.uk . I am always happy to help you with any questions you may have about your child.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kim Jackson

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