

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful half term break. We begin this new term with lots of exciting topics for the children to become immersed in.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of Birch Class life, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojos or by email – ghopkins5.210@lgflmail.org . Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, *Miss Hopkins*

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Summer 1 2021 - This half term Year 4 will be learning about the following topics:

<p>English</p>	<p>Our first focus text this term will be 'Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman. This three-week planning sequence is based on the story 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman. It includes exemplified grammar activities throughout, as well as including Drama techniques such as thought-tapping. Visual images are also incorporated.</p> <p>Then we will focus on 'Jonathan Swift's Gulliver' by Martin Jenkins and Chris Riddell. Children will have read Gulliver's Travels and been immersed in the various settings that he explores. This will be used as a basis for a variety of persuasive short writing opportunities, such as a poster and a leaflet before children move on to creating a logbook. The final longer written outcome will be the children creating their own imaginary lands to use as settings for a new adventure story where they are the explorer.</p> <p>Spelling lists will be sent home on Mondays and tested the following week. We will continue to focus on the Year 3/4 spelling rules and patterns such as prefixes and suffixes.</p>
<p>Reading Records</p>	<p>The children will bring home a book from the class book corner or the school library every night. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Children must record in the reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>In Numeracy pupils will begin the term by learning about time and money, applying our knowledge of decimals. We will then move onto length, perimeter and area, mass and capacity. Then we will gather data and apply our statistics and data handling skills. Finally, we will look at coordinates and translations. We will apply our skills to a range of reasoning and problem-solving tasks.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and all times tables and related division facts (1-12) —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy.</p> <p>Times Tables – This year the children will sit the times tables test in the summer term. Please ensure that you are supporting and practicing all times tables with your child/children.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Our topic of living things and their habitats will continue this term.</p> <p>In science the children will learn to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways - explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. - recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things
<p>History/ Geography</p>	<p>This term will be a geography focus and we will be learning about Whitby. We will be learning about what it was like to live there and we will make comparisons with where we live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where is Whitby? - What is it like in Whitby? - What is the landscape like in Whitby? - What goes on in Whitby?
<p>Art/Design & Technology</p>	<p>This term will focus on Art and Design. We will be looking at the work of Georgia O'Keefe and creating our own observational drawings of seashells, looking closely at patterns.</p>
<p>P.E.</p>	<p>Birch will have PE on a Monday afternoon. Your child/children will need to wear their PE kit and school jumper to school on this day Please ensure your child/children are wearing the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>LKS2 will have ukulele lessons from a specialist teacher (Mr Thorpe) on a Monday.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p><i>Computing will resume in September 2021</i></p>

Spanish	Spanish will resume in September 2021
R.E.	<p>Throughout the year we will be investigating the question: What is special to me and the people in my community? This term our topic will be How do Hindu's worship at home and in the mandir?</p> <p>In this unit, pupils will explore Hindu worship at home and in the Mandir, and explore some of the objects used in worship and their symbolism, and how these have an impact on daily life. There will be opportunities for children to reflect on their own thoughts and experiences. There is an opportunity to invite Hindu guests to your classroom in lesson 4, and they could set up their home shrine and do Murti in front of the children. There is an opportunity to arrange a visit to a local temple in Lesson 6 in this unit of work.</p>
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be ' Changing Me '. We will explore the emotional changes our bodies will go through during puberty, regardless of gender.
Homework	On Friday your child will be set weekly Literacy, Maths and Spelling tasks for homework on Google Classroom. Homework must be submitted on Google Classroom by the following Tuesday at the latest. Children should continue to learn their times tables, which will be tested on a regular basis. Children can practice using TTRS, for which they have their own login. Additional Maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn spellings which will be sent home every week and tested the following week. The logins for TTR, First News and Mathletics can be found in their reading records.
Class Dojo	<p>Since we are not able to have face-to-face meetings at this time, it is really important that you are linked to Class Dojo. We will update the Class Story with any important information you need to know and contact you via message if there is anything we need to share with you.</p> <p>https://teach.classdojo.com/</p>
Key dates for this term	<p>Monday 7th June – Healthy Week Monday 14th June – Arts Week Monday 28th June – Assessment Week Monday 28th June – RSE lessons will be taking place. Thursday 8th July – Local area walk linked to our topic of Whitby and comparing this with where we live. Thursday 15th July – Sports Day – Sadly parents and carers won't be able to join us this year due to our Covid protocols and risk assessment Friday 16th July – End of year reports will be sent home today. Monday 19th July – All exercise books will be sent home Tuesday 20th July – Transition Day – Children to spend some time in their new classrooms with their new teachers. Friday 23rd July – LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOLS FINISHES AT 2PM SHARP.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child attends school with a fresh water bottle every day and is wearing the correct summer uniform. Our uniform encourages a sense of belonging and is compulsory for all children from Reception Class to Year 6.</p> 

