



Birch Class News

Welcome back to Birch Class!

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday. Last term, we were both impressed and delighted with how well everyone has settled in to Year One. We have a fantastic bunch of children, who are happy and making good progress. We appreciate all of the support you are providing at home and are looking forward to another half term packed with learning opportunities.

This next term, the run up to Christmas is always a busy time. We have already begun to learn some of the songs for our Year One Christmas performance and we look forward to performing for you all on Tuesday 12th December. We have an exciting new question in History this half term: "How were our Grandparents toys different to ours?" We will be finding out about how toys and schools were different in the past. If there are any Grandparents who would like to come in and talk to the children about the toys they played with and their time at school, we would be delighted to welcome them in. Any old photographs or toys for us to look at would also be greatly appreciated. More details about our learning this half term can be found with the attached curriculum information.

PE

Our PE Days in Birch Class will be **changing to a Monday and a Tuesday**. We will continue to have PE with NUF on a Monday and we will be starting a new unit in dance on a Tuesday.

The photos below are a snapshot of learning from last half term. Please follow us on X (formerly Twitter) to find out more about our learning in Birch Class. We are @BirchclassHFS



Outdoor Learning/PSHE

Our outdoor learning day last half term was a great success. The children had a fantastic time, despite the wet weather. They loved using the natural materials they'd collected to make hedgehogs and leaf prints. They also made autumn pictures which they labelled using their scientific knowledge.

In our PSHE lessons this half term, we will be focusing on using the Zones of Regulation to help us manage our feelings and emotions. You should have a copy of these zones included in our coffee morning slides. This maybe useful so that you are able to refer to them and perhaps discuss them with your child at home.

We continue to work hard to ensure that the children are happy and settled and as ever communication between home and school is key. We look forward to meeting with you at the progress meetings on the 13th and 14th November, but in the meantime please do not hesitate to pop in and see us or to contact us by telephone if you have any queries or concerns. We are also usually available to pass on quick messages in a morning, as well as after school if you need a longer chat.

Many Thanks
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