



Birch Class News

Welcome back to Birch Class!

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday.

We have an exciting few weeks ahead in Year One with a new History based Topic "What is deep down under our feet in Gosforth?" More details about this topic can be found on the attached curriculum information.

School Trip

As part of this topic we have booked a trip to Woodhorn Colliery on Monday 11th March. This is an excellent trip which will teach the children about our past mining communities and how life was very different for children a long time ago.

Parents Evenings

I look forward to seeing you to discuss your child's progress on Tuesday 19th or Wednesday 20th March. Please do sign up for an appointment when this becomes available on Parentmail.

Outdoor Adventure Day

You will now have received information about our upcoming outdoor adventure day on Wednesday 20th March. Children should come into school in old clothes, with layers, ready for lots of fun outside!

World Book Day

We have a wonderful day planned for celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March!

In Year One, we will take part in activities based around Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak and our favourite bedtime stories!

All children are invited to come into school in their pyjamas (with appropriate footwear for outdoor play!) and to bring in a favourite book.

Children will receive a book token that can be spent in the shops or saved for the school book fair, arriving on Tuesday 12th March!

PE

Our PE Days in Year One will be **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please can we **remind you all to ensure that the children have a full PE kit in school (including PE shoes/trainers.)** We have a dance unit this term delivered by Newcastle PE Sports Service alongside the fundamental movement unit delivered by NUF.

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



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 are working hard to encourage kindness and respect both in class and at playtime. Conversations about our golden rules and our expectations in school are ongoing and we are supporting the children to make good choices on a daily basis. We have been having some issues with toys and other small objects brought from home. This causes arguments and upset when these items go missing, so it would be helpful if you could ensure that they stay at home. Do not hesitate to pop in and see us, or alternatively contact us by telephone or e mail if you have any queries or concerns.

We are also usually available before and after school.

Many Thanks

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