



Birch Class News

Welcome back to Birch Class!

I 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 with the attached curriculum information.

School Trip

As part of this topic we have booked a trip to Woodhorn Colliery on Monday 13th 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. We will be requiring 3 parent helpers per class, so please do let us know if you would be available to help on the day.

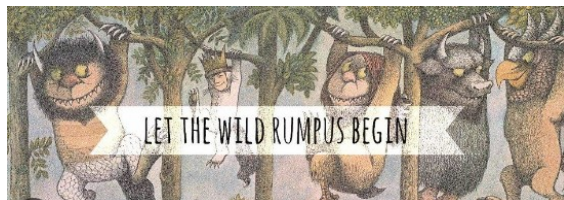
Parents Evenings

I look forward to seeing you to discuss your child's progress on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of March. Please do sign up for an appointment when this becomes available on Parentmail.

World Book Day

We have had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March! In Year One, we had a fun-filled day with activities based around Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. We loved seeing you dress up as a wild thing and designing your own wild things, decorating wild thing biscuits, making crowns to be kings and queens of the wild things and ending the day with our very own wild rumpus in the hall!

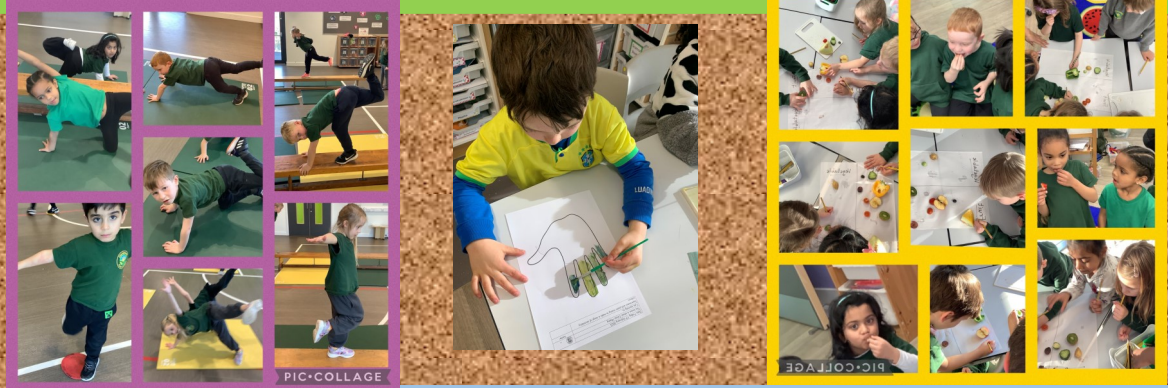
Children have received a book token that can be spent in the shops or saved for the school book fair in the last week of this half term!



PE

Our PE Days in Birch Class will be **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Just to remind you all that the children will be keeping their PE kit in school and changing themselves for PE on these days. Please support us with this by encouraging independence with dressing at home. We have a dance unit this term, alongside the fundamental movement unit delivered by NUF.

The photos below are a snapshot of learning from last half term. Please follow us on 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 play time, 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 brought from home causing arguments and upset, so it would be helpful if you could ensure that they stay at home. Do not hesitate to pop in and see me or to contact me by telephone or e mail if you have any queries or concerns.

I am also usually available before and after school.

Many Thanks

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