



Birch Class News

Welcome to Birch Class. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for the exciting year ahead. Our Class coffee morning will take place at 9.00am on Friday 16th September. This will give me the chance to provide you with more information about Year One and to answer any questions you might have. Do let us know if you are unable to attend and we will send any information shared on parent mail.

It has been lovely to get to know the children this week. They have all made a fantastic start and impressed us with how very grown up and independent they are.

We have an exciting new Topic in Year One this half term "What is the weather like where we live?" This is a geography based topic and it will be a great excuse to get out and about exploring weather and seasonal change in our school grounds. More details about this topic can be found with the attached curriculum information.

Reading

The children will be bringing a reading book home this week, as well as a sharing book for you to read together. We will be changing the children's books weekly and we will be explaining more about how this will work at our coffee morning. In your child's new reading record, you will find useful information including phonics and a list of the new common exception words which children need to learn how to read and spell by the end of Year 1, this is something that you can support your child with throughout the year.

PE

Our PE Days in Class 3 will be **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. The children will be coached by Lewis from NUF every Wednesday and on a Monday for this first half term, Ian Kendall from Newcastle PE and School Sports Service will be coming in to teach cycling skills using our balance bikes. This is part of our plans to develop cycling across school and we have also purchased new bikes for the children to use as they progress through school.

Please follow us on Twitter to find out more about our learning in Birch Class.
We are @BirchclassHFS



Welcome to Year 1



Staff

We are very lucky to have both Mrs B and Miss Wilson supporting in Birch Class this year. Knowing the children already has really helped with their transition from Reception, as has the opportunity to access the continuous provision that we have set up in Maple Class. We are working hard to ensure that the children are happy and settled and as ever communication between home and school is key. I am really looking forward to working with you to ensure that this is another great year for your child at Havannah First School.

I am usually available before and after school, so please do not hesitate to pop in and see me or to contact me by telephone if you have any queries or concerns.

Many Thanks
Sally McMillan