# **BIRCH CLASS JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

# Hello!

The children have had a brilliant first week back and are raring to go with our new topic - Around the World! As always, if you have any questions then please pop in after school, drop me an email or call the office.



# **Routine Reminders**

<u>PE-</u> Birch have PE lessons on Tuesday and it is vital that they have the correct kit in school with them on this day. This half term is gymnastics so the children need indoor kit which includes shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls/ trainers. Please make sure that everything is named.

Water bottles- Please send your child with a named water bottle. It is important that they remain hydrated throughout the day.

<u>Homework</u> Homework will continue to be set on Friday afternoon which will need to be completed by the following Wednesday. This half term I will be setting work on Mathletics.

<u>Spellings</u>- These will continue to be sent home on a Wednesday in the reading diaries. These will be tested on the following Wednesday and the children will bring their spelling books home so that they can share their work with you. We are now working through the Year 2 spelling list.

<u>Times Tables</u> In Birch class we are working towards defeating the superheroes. Your child will either be working towards Spiderman (addition facts), Batgirl (addition facts) or Batman (2, 5 and 10 times table, related division facts and word problems). Please encourage your child to practise at home.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Riley to Birch class for the Spring Term. Mr Riley is a trainee teacher on his second school placement.

#### A special hello from Mr Riley!

#### Hi everyone!

I am so excited to meet you all and everybody involved within Birch Class. My name is Mr. Riley, I am learning to be a teacher and Miss Hall has agreed to let me work with you all. I am a huge football fan and support Mansfield Town FC. I love all things outdoors and my favourite subject to teach is Science. I also love to read, my favourite book ever is Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl.

I cannot wait to get started and looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Mr. Riley

#### PE

- Gymnastics
- Learning rautines for the gymnastics festival

#### Science

- Investigating everyday materials
- Identify natural and man-made materials
- Understand that some materials can change and some cannot
- To identify the suitability of metal and plastic for a variety of purposes.

#### Camputing

Online safety
 Spreadsheets

# RE

- Jesus and his staries
- The Good Samaritan, The Lost Cain, The Lost Sheep, The Prodigal San and The Two Hauses

#### Around the world!

Birch



### Art, Design and Technology

- Self partraits
- Sketching skills
- Calaur my maad
   Partrait sculptures

- Geagraphy

  Explaring maps
- Making our own maps of our local area
- · Using compass points
- Using aerial photographs

### Mathematics

## Measure: Maney

- · Recagnise and use symbols of £ and p
- Combine amounts to make a value
- Find different cambinations of coins to equal the same amounts of money
- Salve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change

#### Multiplication and division

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Odd and even numbers
- Salve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods and multiplication and division facts
- Show that the multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot.

### Times tables practice and "10 in 10"

#### PSHE

- Mutual respect
- Understanding bullying
- Identify and respect similarities and differences between people - appearance/ culture/ family/ religion/ language

#### English

### Flat Stanley

- Writing letters and addressing envelopes
- Creating our own adventure for Stanley
- Past and present tense
- Cantractions
- Ward types nauns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs
- Using cammas in a list
- Sentences with different forms statements, questions, commands and exclamations
- Paetry
- Guided reading
- Phanics
- Spelling patterns