



Welcome to Silver Birch

Term 1

Topic: How does the weather affect our lives?

The children have settled quickly into class very well. To encourage independence and support metacognition, every child has a classroom responsibility. Ask your child what their class job is. I look forward to meeting you all on Monday 11th September from 3.30pm-4.30pm

English

In English we will be reading 'The Magic Far Away Tree' by Enid Blyton, re-mastered by Jacqueline Wilson. This is a challenging text that will help children learn new vocabulary whilst developing their imagination. We are learning to edit and improve our work using the correct punctuation, paying particular attention to capital letters at the start of sentences and full stops. We will be using adjectives and commas in our writing. In our daily phonics sessions Year 1 children will be starting Level 5 and Year 2 Level 6.

Maths

In maths we will be starting with place value of number; playing games and investigating one more and one less. securing our number bond knowledge. There will an opportunity for all children to solve challenging maths questions and develop their maths skills.

History/Geography

We will be learning how to:

- name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- read and interpret maps.
- understand how symbols on a map work.
- critically discuss the effects the weather has on our local and national areas.
- understand weather conditions during the four seasons of the year and offer reasons for why changes occur.

Art

Our art unit is 'Spirals'.

Computing

In computing we will be learning about online safety and Maze Explorers in Purple Mash.

Music

In music we will be learning songs including Tony Chestnut; an accumulative action song using the notes Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So an La.

Science

We will be:

- observing, measuring and recording the elements of the weather by using simple equipment.
- naming the four seasons.
- naming different types of weather.
- making observations about the weather.
- describing the weather associated with each season.
- collecting and recording simple data.
- making simple observations about changes across the seasons.
- describing how day length varies between two seasons.

learning about the water cycle- how clouds are made.

RE

In RE we will be focusing on Christianity and learning the following:

- that Christians are part of a church family.
- that a christening / baptism is special, what happens and why.
(Your child can bring a photo of their christening if you have one.)
- that it is important to welcome people to church because Jesus always welcomed people.

Life Skills

We will be learning how to recognise risk in everyday situations, such as crossing the road safely and water and rail safety.

PE

In PE we will be focusing on team work, catching and throwing. We will also partake in a daily run and mindfulness.



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Dates for the Diary

Monday 11th September. Meet the teacher 3.30pm-4.30pm

Week of the 18th walk to the local woods

Important Reminders

Please read with your child every evening. Record in the reading record every time your child reads their school book and any other books, comics or kindle devices.

PE Days

PE is on Thursday. Please bring your child to school in their PE kit.

Useful Websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/ordering-and-sequencing>

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/primary/zd7p47h>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Stelfox and Mrs Phillips