# Silver Birch Class Parents/Carers
# Term 4 Newsletter

## Welcome to Term 4. Our value this term is Compassion

### English
This term will be learning how to use description to engage our reader. We will retrieve interesting adjectives and adverbs to describe the Big Bad Wolf in our Talk for Writing text, Little Red Riding Hood.

### Phonics
Year 1 will continue to grow the code in Phase 5 and Year 2 will be applying spelling rules to words with the same sound but different spelling.

### Science
Following on from last terms topic 'Living things and their habitats' we will focusing on our new topic of 'Plants'. We will name and identify common flowers and trees and plant vegetables that have already germinated in the hope of producing some fruit. We will explore how climate change is affecting our crop and apply our knowledge of the seasons to learn what plants needs to thrive.

### Design and Technology
This term our project title is, 'Freestanding Structures'. Children will evaluate structures around the school, and think critically when designing their own structures. They will make a structure using art straws and test if our structure is strong enough to stop the Big Bad Wolf from blowing it down.

### PE
This term in PE we will be practicing our sending and receiving skills.

### Maths
Year 1 children will be learning about place value to 100. This will include describing numbers with tens and ones, plotting numbers on a number line starting with any given number, bar models and part, part, whole. Year Two will be learning what multiplication means and how finding equal groups of objects, using arrays and repeated addition can help us understand the times tables operation. We will then apply our understanding to a written method. We will also be learning about measure; including mass, length and time

### History
Our topic this term is Pompeii - 'Who was Sappho and where did she live?' We will learn the facts about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 Ad and how archaeologists have discovered artefacts that inform us how people 2000 years age lived. We will make a clay model of Pompeii and through a chemical reaction re-enact the volcano eruption. Children will also learn what it is like to excavate a historical site through the use of plaster of paris!

### Life Skills
**Growth and Changes**
We will discuss our feelings and how to read people's faces to gain an understanding of how they might feel. Children will learn about how our bodies change as we grow and what nutrients we need to keep us healthy.

### Music

We will be using Sing Up to learn how to use body percussion to make a beat. We will listen to ‘When you are Happy’ and the ‘Pink Panther’ theme tune. We will learn a new song called ‘Who Stole my Chicken and Hens?’

## RE

Salvation
As we approach the Easter period children we learn how Christians celebrate holy week. We will discuss the importance of new life and understand that for Christians the resurrection of Christ represents this.

## Computing

Purple Mash 1.8 spread sheets
Children will be introduced to a spread sheet. Learn how to record information and how to use speak and count tools.

## Important Reminders

Please read with your child every night. The children will be pre-reading at school then should re-read at home.

## Useful Websites

White Rose 3-minute maths
TT Rockstars to practise times tables.
Top marks – you’ll find games like ‘Hit the button’. This is useful for Maths fluency e.g. doubles, halves and number bonds.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Stelfox and Mrs Newman