



Silver Birch Curriculum Overview Autumn 1 2019

Our school value for this term is 'Making Choices'.

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Mr Gallimore is the class teacher and Mrs Jeffs is the TA. Although this is what is intended to be covered, it may change depending on children's interests and time constraints. If you have any questions, or need to speak to the class teacher, please make an appointment with the school office.

English

This half term we will be starting to learn about stories from other cultures. We will then learn how to write instructions before finishing the term by writing humorous poems. We will learn these genres in a variety of ways, all of which will result in a final piece of independent writing.

Music

Our music sessions will be taking place on Tuesday mornings, with our music specialist Mr Street. Children in KS2 will have the opportunity to join a lunchtime choir or recorder sessions.

PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. Our indoor lessons will be dance and outdoor will be Netball. Please make sure children have outdoor kits available as the weather is colder and children will be changing before lunch. All PE kits must be in school from Monday to Friday as other opportunities may arise for PE outside of normal lessons. We would also ask PE kits are in separate named PE bag.

RE: Human Responsibility and Values

Children will be taught to recognise the importance of showing care and responsibility for the world, identifying the shared values in two communities. We will agree a focus as a class and think of how we could make a difference to the world ourselves.

Maths

This term we will begin by exploring place value. We will then develop our mental skills of addition and subtraction. Within this we will grow our reasoning skills through word problems and problem solving. Throughout the half term we will be practicing our times tables. Once a week we will have a maths fluency session, focusing on consolidation of all four operations.

Geography: UK Cities and Counties

This half term we are learning about the UK, the countries that make it up and the cities found in each. We will look at the similarities and differences of each country and some counties. We will also learn about the physical features of England, focusing on the local area. We will investigate local rivers, hills, towns, villages and cities.

PSHCE: Self Reliance

This half term our theme is self reliance. We will support pupils in becoming more independent and nurturing their abilities to become confident and resilient learners. At the start of term it is important to encourage our pupils to have a sense of belonging, know where to find things and be responsible for their things. Giving pupils the tools to be independent encourages motivation for learning and provides skills for life.

Homework

Homework will be set on Wednesday and expected back the following Tuesday. Homework will be set from a range of subjects, taking into account different learning styles.

Science: Humans including animals

In this half term we will be learning about Animals including humans. We will be looking at nutrition and what makes a healthy diet for us and also our pets. We will also learn about the skeletal system of animals with an exoskeleton, an internal skeleton and animals with no skeleton.

Computing: Coding

We will start the half term by coding using the programme Scratch. We will learn how to create simple programmes and debug them to ensure they work correctly. We will then create games for other children to play and evaluate.

Art: Landscapes

In Art this term we will be exploring landscapes. We will be looking at famous landscape artists, such as Turner. We will then create our own landscape pieces of the school and surrounding grounds. We will then use an app on the iPads to bring these landscapes to life.

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