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Dear Parents/Carers

Below is a quick overview of the topic and subjects that will be taught in Year 3 Birch class during the summer term and some other information regarding homework and PE. I hope you find this useful.

Maths

This term in Maths we will be covering:

Money

Time

Shape

Position and Direction

Statistics

English

This term we will be continuing to work on embedding some key English skills and language. This will include:

Handwriting – we will be focusing heavily on presentation of work, speed and fluency. Writing with the correct formation of letters, size and position. Children should be joining their handwriting at this stage. We will link handwriting to spellings as learning to join words helps a lot of children (kinesthetic learners) to learn their spellings as they can ‘feel’ how the word is spelt.

Spelling – children will explore and learn a different spelling rule and pattern each week and the spellings sent home will reinforce that week’s pattern.

Grammar – correctly punctuating direct speech, using a variety of conjunctions and including fronted adverbials in our writing.

Our main English sessions will focus on our class novels and topic. Most of our writing will be drawn from these. At the start of this half term, we will be basing our work on the book ‘The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover’. Some of the writing outcomes from this will include a travel brochure and informative letters. We will regularly be reading a range of text types and will be answering questions to help the children to develop their comprehension skills.

Topics

This term our main topic question will be ‘How can we rediscover the wonders of Ancient Egypt?’. We will link in all DT, Art, Geography and History skills to our topic as well as basing some of our writing around it. In the second half of the Summer term we will be working to answer the question ‘Why is Uppermill the biggest settlement in Saddleworth?’

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For our 'How can we rediscover the wonders of Ancient Egypt?' topic, we will be looking at:

Who were the Ancient Egyptians?

What was life like as an Ancient Egyptian?

What was mummification and why did they do it?

Who was Tutankhamun and why was he important?

Can I write like an Egyptian?

Why was the River Nile so important?

Science

The science topics being taught this term will be 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Plants'. These sessions will include a couple of experiments and children will be expected to write up their experiments and discuss aspects such as fair testing, conclusions and presenting data. We will be using lots of scientific language and developing our skills within the subject.

Other subjects

We will have one hour of computing each week in which we will be learning about desktop publishing and later in the term we will be continuing to develop our coding skills. In our Spanish sessions we will be looking at classroom items and common phrases.

Our PE days this term will continue to be Thursdays and Fridays. On School PE kit is expected to be worn for all PE lessons and any sports clubs attended.

Homework

Homework is a really useful way for children to reinforce and develop the skills they've been learning in class and for parents to have an insight into what their child is learning at school.

We will use the same websites for our homework as we have been using already this year.

Learning times tables (TTRockstars)

Practicing any spellings sent home – these will be linked to the pattern or rule explored in class. The majority of spelling homework given will be given via Spelling Shed.

Reading log - each child should be reading regularly and have their reading log signed 3 times each week.

Children will continue to be sent home with their purple homework books on a Friday afternoon and are expected to use their book to write three sentences including their spelling words for that week. Their spelling words will be stuck into their books each Friday morning; therefore, it is important that your child hands in their homework by Friday morning each week.

I hope that this information will be useful, and may I take this opportunity again to invite you to get in touch if ever you have any issues or concerns. The best way to do this is to contact the office.

I am looking forward to a fantastic last term together!

Yours sincerely

Miss Sellers
Birch Class/Year 3 Teacher