



# Greenfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Here's a quick overview of the subjects and topics that will be taught in Year 3 (Birch Class) over the next term and some information regarding homework and PE. I am sure that the children will continue to work hard and try their best in all they do in school. I hope you find this information useful.

## Maths

This term we will be looking at multiplication and division, length and perimeter, mass and capacity and fractions. This year the children will need to be able to spot times table facts so lots of extra work on these at home would be great using sites like Times Table Rockstars and Hit the button.

## English

This first term we will be focusing on recapping and 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 will be the focus for this first term. 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 – indentifying different word types, using the correct tense, improving and extending writing with the use of conjunctions and fronted adverbials.

Our main English sessions will focus around our class novels and topic. Most of our writing and reading comprehension work will be drawn from these. Our first class book for this term will be 'Escape from Pompeii'. Reading a range of books, reading regularly and enjoying sharing stories really help children with their writing. It helps children to see how different texts are structured and gives them a variety and breadth of language they can then transfer to their own work.

## Topic

This half term Birch Class will be working on the topics 'What makes a mountain a volcano?'

During our first topic, we will be looking at a variety of things including:

- How mountains and volcanoes are formed
- The layers of the Earth
- Famous mountains and volcanoes around the world
- How people can be affected by volcanic eruptions

As a school we approach each of our topics with a 'Big Question'. During each topic lesson we then answer a 'small question' linked to our topic which provides a basis for what our lesson will be about. The children always enjoy researching class topics and the work they do at home adds a great deal to the discussions in class.





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## Science

The science topics being taught this term will be 'Rocks, fossils and soils' and 'Light'. These sessions will include a number of experiments and children will be expected to write up their experiments and discuss aspect such as fair testing, conclusions and presenting data.

## Other subjects

We will have at least one hour of discreet Computing each week as well as using ICT as an integral part of lessons in the classroom. In Spanish sessions, we will be looking at how to say where we live and describing the weather.

PE will be taught by a Sports Development Coach on a Friday who will teach a variety of sports, team games and individual skills and by myself on a Thursday. School PE kit is expected to be worn for all PE lessons and any sports clubs attended. All children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

## Homework

This year homework will continue to be set on a Friday to be done by the following Friday. Every Friday, new spellings for the week will be set and stuck into your child's purple homework book. Each week, the children will be asked to choose three of their spelling words and include each one in a sentence. Where possible it would be great if you could support your child with completing their homework by encouraging them to check their spelling, their use of capital letters and full stops and that their sentences make sense. 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 in to what their child is learning at school and how confident they are with it. In addition, the weekly spelling words will also be set online via Ed Shed for the children to practise and I would like to encourage the children to also be playing on TTRockstars as often as possible as knowing their times tables will help them greatly in their maths learning this term.

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

Please keep an eye on our website in case of any further updates or extra information.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Sellers

Birch Class – Year 3

