

Birch Curriculum Information Sheet

Spring Term 2

Why are animals different to us?

Welcome back! This term we are learning about animals, how and why they are different to us and finding how we can group different types of animals. We will be finding out how animals grow and change. We will also be exploring how animals teeth are different and how we can keep our own teeth clean. As always, if you have any questions or queries please do speak to Mrs Love or send us a Dojo message.

Phonics and Literacy

Throughout this half term the children are revising all of the sounds they have been taught so far. They will be building up skills to read longer words as well as words with the suffix - ed at the end.

The children will be developing their independent writing skills by spelling words using their phonics and to write for different purposes based on our knowledge topic.

Maths

We are building on our understanding of numbers to 10. We are learning how to make numbers by adding two parts together (addition) as well as identifying even and odd

numbers and how to find out doubles of numbers to 10. We will be learning how to make number bonds to 10 which is a key skill in Reception and one you could help with at home

$$\text{e.g. } 3 + 7 = 10$$

The children will be exploring 3D shapes and will start to name and describe their properties. We will also be exploring how 3D shapes can be made from 2D shapes.



Understanding the World: Science

We are exploring different animals, firstly animals found in our country and then comparing them with animals from different countries. We will be discussing similarities and differences between these animals and learning how to group them based on their features and then animal groups e.g. bird, mammal and reptile.

We will learn new vocabulary such as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore when finding out about the differences in animals and then focusing on teeth and why animals teeth need to be different to others. This will lead onto thinking about our own teeth and how we can keep them clean and healthy.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be taking inspiration from the different animals we are investigating this half term and develop new skills to show texture and colour.

We will be using pencils in different ways to show fur, feathers and scales and we will be improving our painting and colour mixing skills to represent the animals we are learning about.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In PSED we will be supporting the children to learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others.

We teach the children different strategies to calm themselves down and deal with conflict in the classroom. This is done through circle time as well as continuous opportunities to reflect using our school values of being kind, curious and respectful.

We will be focusing on how to keep our teeth healthy as part of looking after our bodies. We will be learning how to make good choices with our food and drinks as well as how and when to brush our teeth.

In our RE lessons we are learning about what makes the world special. We will be thinking about ourselves being part of the wider world and how we can make a positive impact on those around us.



Physical Development

In our PE lessons with Mr George we will be developing our dance skills and learning how to put movements together as a sequence.

We will continue to use our outside area to build on our gross motor skills using equipment, our bikes and trikes and learning new games we can play together. With Mrs Love we will continue to take part in yoga and dance lessons where we develop our own interests and how we can use music to support our movements.

