

Birch Class' Newsletter Spring One

Welcome back, we hope you have had a fantastic Christmas and a well-deserved break. Happy New Year!

Well done to all of the children for their lovely nativity performance before the holiday.

LITERACY

In English, we will be exploring the text 'Naughty Bus'. This book is a story about a toy bus given to a boy, who makes it get up to mischief.

We will internalize the book by looking at the language used and creating actions to re-tell the story. The children will write descriptions of the bus and the settings in the story. We also aim to write our own story about a 'Naughty Bus' on an adventure around school.

Following this, we will move on to writing a recount. We will take the children on a local bus trip to help spark their imaginations.

Key Vocabulary:

bus present driver bell traffic tall buildings
bus stop table mess garden pond swim roads
boy water rescue truck home night bus

Mathematics

The children will be working on counting, reading and writing numbers (in numerals and words) for the next two weeks. They will then be working towards the following objectives until half term:

- Addition and Subtraction (numbers to 20)
- Number bonds (numbers to 20)
- Place value (numbers to 50)
- Counting in multiples of 2, 5 & 10

You can help your child by: counting forwards and backwards to 50; writing numbers to 20 in words and practicing counting objects and number formation on a regular basis.

Key Vocabulary:

add subtract minus equals

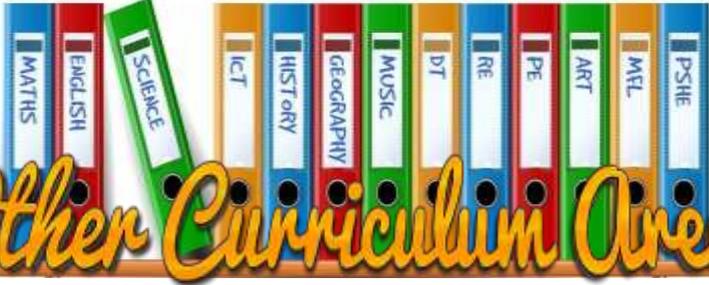
SCIENCE

Science this half term will link to seasonal changes and winter. The children will:

- Take a walk around the school grounds to observe the changes to the environment that we can see in winter.
- Record the weather over the course of a week.
- Discuss what happens during each season of the year.

Key vocabulary:

season changes weather rain
snow temperature



Other Curriculum Areas

PE:

To launch our new PE kits we will be playing lots of team games this half term.

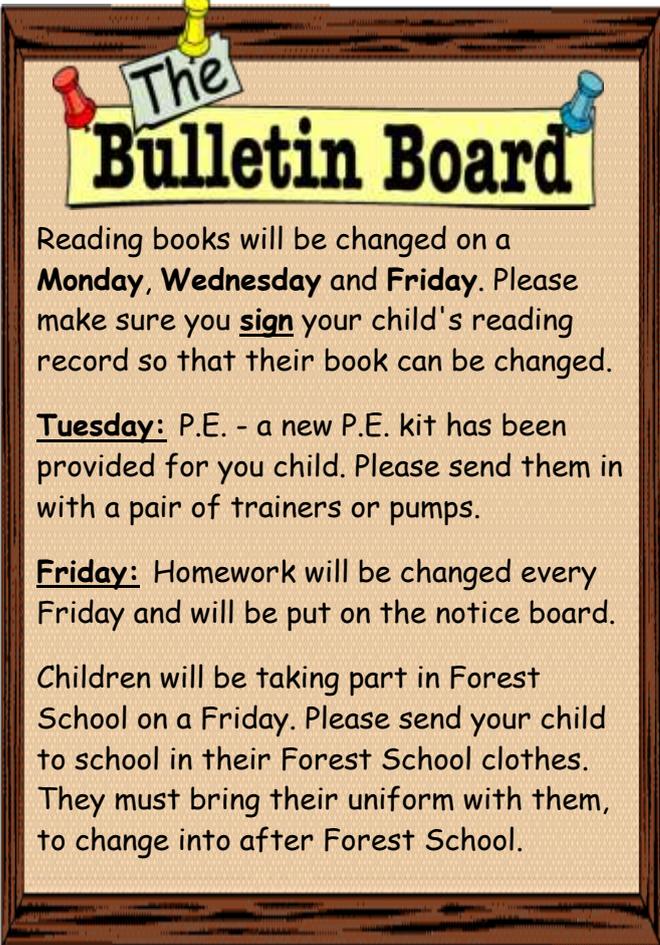
RE:

Children will start by thinking about what 'celebration' means. They will discuss the ways in which we celebrate special events and how religions mark festival days. It will help develop pupils' understanding of celebrations, including a study of Harvest festival, Eid ul Fitr and Sukkot.

Topic:

Our topic this half term is called 'Street Detectives'. During this topic, we will cover aspects of Geography, History and Art. The children will:

- Develop their understanding of the geographical features of our local area.
- Research Edward Akroydon and how he influenced Boothtown.
- Compare where we live to a different area of the UK e.g. the seaside.
- Create maps of our local area.
- Discuss the types of houses we live in and can see in our local area.
- Create paintings of houses in our local area in the style of L.S. Lowry.

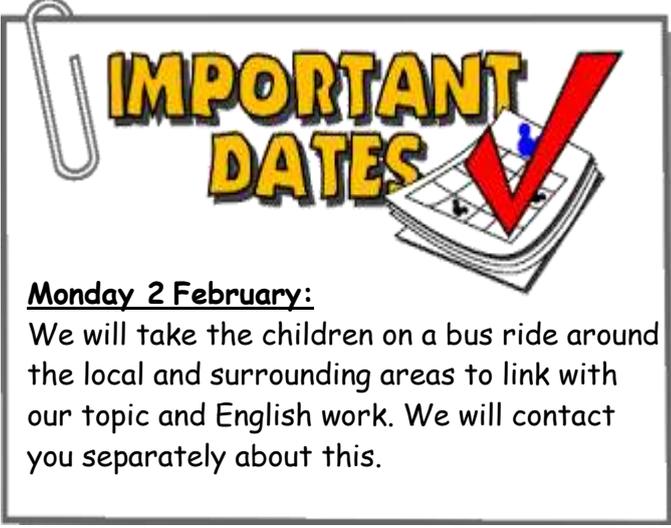


Reading books will be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Please make sure you **sign** your child's reading record so that their book can be changed.

Tuesday: P.E. - a new P.E. kit has been provided for you child. Please send them in with a pair of trainers or pumps.

Friday: Homework will be changed every Friday and will be put on the notice board.

Children will be taking part in Forest School on a Friday. Please send your child to school in their Forest School clothes. They must bring their uniform with them, to change into after Forest School.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 2 February:
We will take the children on a bus ride around the local and surrounding areas to link with our topic and English work. We will contact you separately about this.

Reminder:

As an academy, we ask that no photographs or video recordings are taken during performances such as class assemblies or any academy performance.



Maths link: <http://www.mathletics.com>

Literacy: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy>

E-safety: www.kidsmart.org.uk