

# Birch Class Newsletter

Spring Two

Welcome back, we hope you have had a lovely week off!

## LITERACY

In English, we will be exploring the text 'The Gruffalo'.

We will internalize the book by looking at the language used and creating actions to retell the story. The children will write descriptions of the Gruffalo and other characters in the story. We will learn how to write questions to ask the Gruffalo and write sentences with exclamation marks. Our aim is to write our own story about our own Gruffalo.

Following this, we will move on to writing a recount. We will set a trap to catch the Gruffalo and write a recount of what happened.

### Key Vocabulary:

Gruffalo snake fox mouse owl wood  
underground terrible tusks treetop knobbly  
knees poisonous wart purple prickles orange  
eyes

## Mathematics

We have recently started using a new textbook, alongside our usual scheme of work. This half term, the children will be working from both the White Rose Maths Hub and Power Maths schemes of work. We will continue to use practical and pictorial ways of working out calculations and problems, before moving on to written methods. This half term we will cover the following objectives:

- Place value (numbers to 50)
- Counting in multiples of 2, 5 & 10
- Measurement (length and height)
- Measurement (weight and capacity)

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 multiple heavier lighter  
longer shorter cm fewer more full empty

## SCIENCE

Science this half term will link to plants. The children will:

- Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.
- Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

### Key vocabulary:

plant flower tree garden wild  
edible fruit vegetable evergreen  
deciduous stem root leaf trunk





# Other Curriculum Areas

## PE:

This half term we will be focusing on movement and balance, as well as continuing to enjoy wearing our PE kits by engaging in different team games!

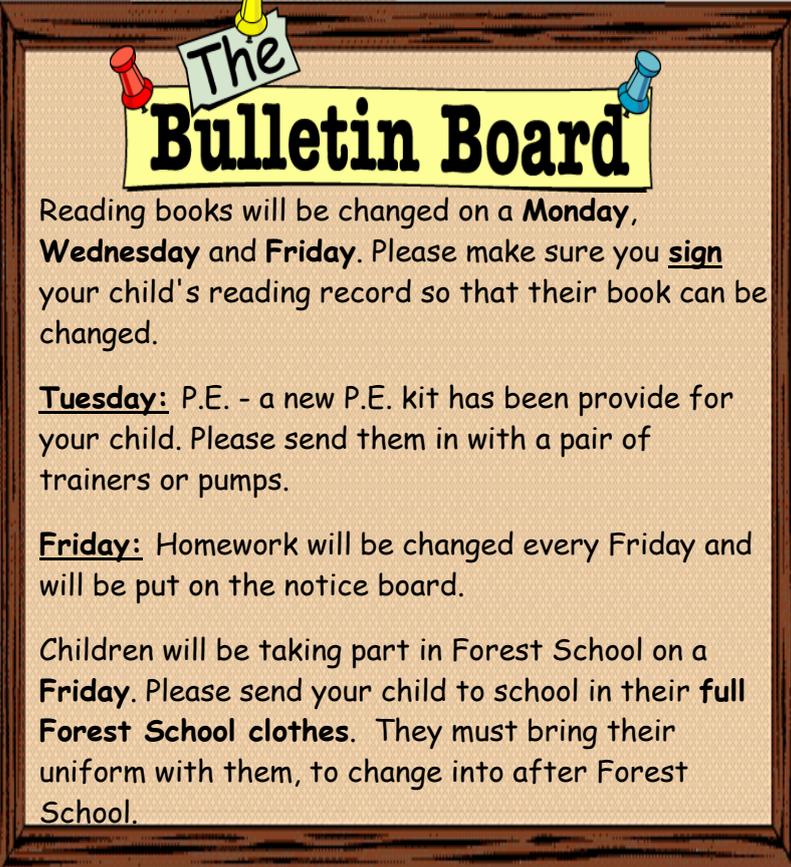
## RE:

Children will learn about what it means to belong to a church or mosque. They will learn what they might see in a mosque or church building, and what the people do when they go there. They will begin to understand that there are differences and similarities between churches and mosques, but that not all churches or mosques are the same. They will learn that churches and mosques are special places for the people who go there.

## Topic:

Our topic this half term is called 'Deep in the Forest'. During this topic, this topic will mostly cover science objectives. The children will:

- Plant their own bean and fill out a weekly bean diary to check its progress.
- Name some common wild and garden plants.
- Label the structures of plants and trees and discuss what important job each part has.
- Taste different fruits, vegetables and herbs and plant some vegetables.
- Learn the meanings of the words deciduous and evergreen.
- Create paintings of sunflowers in the style of Van Gough.



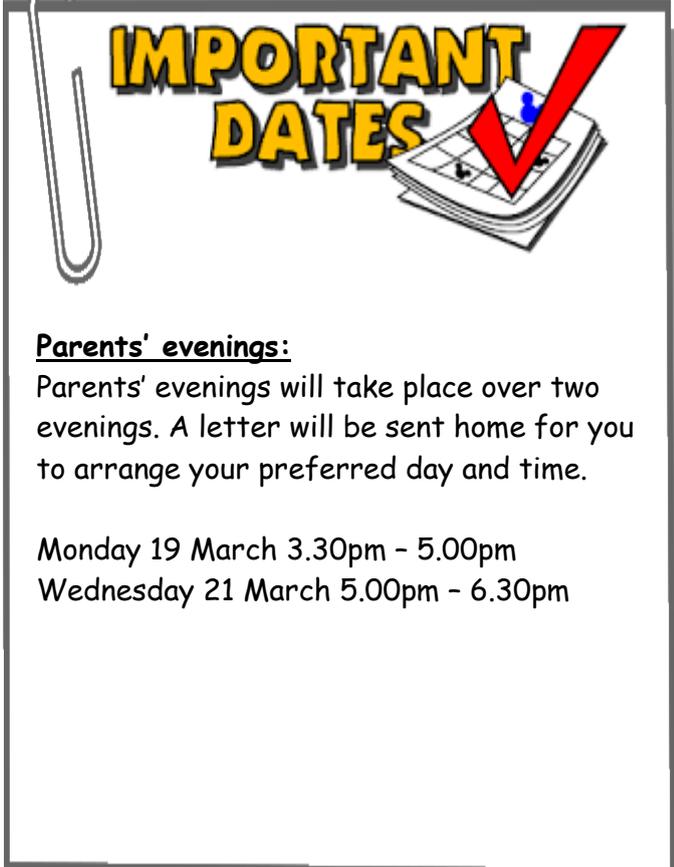
**The Bulletin Board**

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 provide for your 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 **full Forest School clothes**. They must bring their uniform with them, to change into after Forest School.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

Parents' evenings:  
Parents' evenings will take place over two evenings. A letter will be sent home for you to arrange your preferred day and time.

Monday 19 March 3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Wednesday 21 March 5.00pm - 6.30pm



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

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

E. safety: [www.kidmant.org.uk](http://www.kidmant.org.uk)