



# BIRCH CLASS NEWSLETTER



## Summer Term 1



I hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We are all so excited for the summer term and to get started with the exciting learning and experiences we have to offer the children. Please see below for our class news, dates and information. Please pop in to see me if you have any questions or concerns- I am always happy to see you.



### Our Learning:

This term we will be learning about:

Maths- all things fractions!

English- persuasive adverts and poetry.

Science- electricity.

Geography- 'Where does our food come from?' We will be looking at food miles, fairtrade and farming.

Art- sculpture using different materials.

Music- Blackbird by the Beatles. The unit will be focussed on this one song; teaching the children about listening, composing, playing and performing their own music.

PE- tennis and athletics. The children will all be taking part in outdoor learning this term, too!

RE- What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Computing- altering images.

### Daily Equipment:

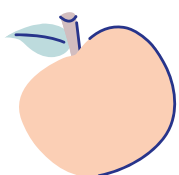
Please bring the following to school every day:

- Water bottle
- Coat (if the weather is unpredictable)
- Hat and suncream if the weather gets hot



### PE and Outdoor Learning:

Please note, our PE days will be on Mondays and Fridays for the summer term. Your child can come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. Please refer to the PE uniform policy on the website and make sure your child is wearing black PE trainers (no other colours, please).



#### Note:

Please be mindful of giving your child a healthy snack at breaktime, e.g. a sandwich, fruit, vegetable sticks.



## Additional Information

This term, the children will be making sculptures in art. They will be using a variety of materials, including some common household waste materials. We would be very grateful if you could save us any of the following and bring into school:

- cereal boxes
- any empty and clean food boxes
- magazines and newspapers
- plastic/foil wrappers.

We will be using these materials in week 3, but please bring any items in at any time and we will store them.

Thank you in advance!



## Times Tables

The Year 4 Multiplication Check will be taking place at the beginning of June. The children will be completing the test on a computer and they will be asked to complete 25 times tables questions up to  $12 \times 12$ . They only have 6 seconds to answer each question so they need to be quick!

We are all so impressed by the progress the children have made so far. The average score for a Year 4 pupil is 21/25 but we would expect many children to achieve higher than this.

To prepare for the test, we urge the children to spend at least 21 minutes per week on Times Tables Rockstars in garage mode- this mirrors the test the children will be sitting in June. If any child is struggling and does not score as expected in the real test, they will be given extra support with their times tables as they move into Year 5.

At the beginning of May, we will be completing our final mock test. We will send the results home so you can see how your child is getting on.

## Year 4 Residential

Hopefully you all received my email at the end of last term with information about our two non-curriculum days on July 1st and 2nd. We will be enjoying a day at Heligan Gardens, and then having a class BBQ and cinema experience at school before a class sleepover. Please keep your eye out for more information sent out about this fun opportunity in the coming weeks.

