

English

This term we are reading 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman. We will be using the text to inspire us to write a story with the theme of overcoming a monster for our fiction unit and a non-chronological report for our non-fiction unit.

We will also be focusing on our grammar and how we can improve our writing skills.

Maths

Our main focus in Maths will be looking at multiplication tables of 11 and 12. We will then develop of skills of using column addition and subtraction.

History

This term we will have a History focus. We will be exploring Britain's settlements by the Anglo-Saxons. We will think about why the Anglo-Saxons decided to settle in our local area. We will look at who the Battle of Chippenham(878) involved (Anglo-Saxons vs Vikings) and what was the outcome.

Art

We will be exploring ancient art. We will look at how the ancient Egyptians did it and have a go at making scrolls and paper.

R.E.

Our focus this term is exploring how Hindus show their faith.

Year 4 Birch Class

Computing

The children will be exploring Scratch by programming an animation and improving it through testing and debugging.

Reading

Please read with, or listen to your child read every day.

Homework

Please see the separate **Pick and Mix** sheet.

Spellings

Please complete the **Sounds & Syllables** spelling sheets each week.

PE

PE days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Indoor PE this term will be dodgeball. Outdoor PE will be taught by Steven and will focus on invasion games.

PSHE

We will explore the topic 'Rights and Respect'.

Science

We will explore states of matter by comparing and grouping materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius.

We will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

Music

We will be exploring Caribbean music and performing a calypso-style song with voices and tuned percussion.

MFL

This term our theme is colours, size and shape. We will also learn about numbers and how to say how old we are.