

## Supporting Learning at Home

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a good summer. We would like to welcome your child to Birch Group.

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support their learning at home. There is also a timetable and a list of related requirements.

Our topic this term is **All About Me.**

What we will do in school...

### Science

We will be learning the names of body parts and also the simple names for bones in the skeleton. We will be looking at the 5 senses and carrying out some experiments.

### Literacy

We are studying books by Julia Donaldson. From these we are going to develop comprehension skills and also composition skills.

All the children will read each day.

### Art / DT

In art we are using paints and pastels to create self-portraits. We are also making a Birch group shield to display.

For cooking we are using the rubbing in method to make different dishes.

### PSHE

We are aiming to boost self-esteem by thinking of all the things we are good at and our likes and dislikes.

### Maths

In Maths we are concentrating on number work with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

What you could do together at home...

Together watch the video clip BBC Bitesize KS1 The Five Senses (search through Google)

Make a skeleton. With Halloween fast approaching there are lots around!

Please share books as often as possible at home.

There is a Julia Donaldson website that has lots of games which use the characters from her books - great fun.

Make short crust pastry which could be filled to make a variety of tarts or cheese added for a savoury dish. Blackberries could be picked from the hedgerows to add to a pie.

Around a photo of your child write all the things they are really good at. Can you do some of these activities together?

There are lots of interactive games on the internet for the children to work on their number skills. Together, using objects around the home, you could devise some number word problems. Example - Rachel had 16 pens but 4 ran out of ink. How many pens will write?



## Swimming

Birch Group is sharing swimming sessions with Upper 4 Group this year. This half term we will not be swimming, instead we have an extra session in the hall for P.E. and will also be going for walks when the weather allows. After half term we will be swimming on Thursday mornings.



## PE - every Tuesday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash.

## Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



## Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.