

Birch Group Update

Dear Parents,

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.

Our topic this term is **Countries around the world**

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

Geography

We will learn information about lots of countries around the world including currency, traditional clothing, food, customs, landmarks, language spoken, capital cities and much more!

We will locate countries on a world map and learn about map symbols.

Go on to google maps and see if you can locate your house, the school, xscape and other places in Milton Keynes.

Look at local maps and find key places that you visit.

Look at world maps and ask children to locate different countries.

English

We will be reading stories from another culture such as 'Lazy Lion' and 'Fatou, fetch the water'.

We will use non-fiction books and the internet to write information texts about countries.

We will also look at some Greek mythology.

Read at home with your child and ask them questions about what they have read.

Look at different text types including fiction and non-fiction books, lists and recipes.

Encourage your child to make up their own stories, encouraging story telling language.

Science

We will look at types of extreme weather such as tornadoes and floods. We will also find out about the climate of other countries and what animals live there.

Talk about the weather and the clothing that is suited to each type of weather.

Watch weather reports and look at photos and videos of extreme weather.

PSHE

We will look at the difference between girls and boys and how our body changes as we get older.

Model and encourage the use of the correct gender related vocabulary at all times e.g. she, he, his, her.

Talk about any changes to their body.

Maths

We will be focusing on place value, fractions, money, co-ordinates and data handling.

We will also do some work on measures including weight, length and capacity.

Practise counting on and back in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Encourage number related vocabulary such as odd, even, more and less.

Encourage children to help with cooking so that they can read scales and measure out capacities.



Birch Group will continue to go swimming at Woughton Pool on Friday mornings. The bus will aim to leave at 9.10 am so please try to arrive at school by this time. If you are running behind- we can always meet you there! Please also send your child into school every Friday with:

- trunks
- a towel
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.



PE - every Thursday

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 keep in touch with you via the home- school book. Every Friday we will write an overview of your child's week. 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.

Sarah

And the Birch Team - *Amy, Lydia, Katy, Laura*