

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 **Growing and Changing**

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

Geography/ History

We will look at how Milton Keynes has grown and changed over the last 50 years. We will build up a timeline of when things were built in Milton Keynes and compare photos of how buildings look now to how they looked when they were first built.

Look at old photographs of Milton Keynes. As you are driving past buildings ask questions such as 'do you think this is an old or new building?'

Talk about how Milton Keynes has changed since you have lived here.

English

We will continue to look at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including traditional stories, instructions and information books.

We will continue to work on our sound knowledge, sentence structure and punctuation.

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

Make up stories together, encouraging story telling language and time connectives such as one day, suddenly.

Encourage writing including shopping lists and birthday cards.

Science

We will look at the life cycles of different animals including spiders, ladybirds and hens. We will also look at the life cycles of plants and trees.

Look at books about the life cycle of plants and animals. There are also some good videos to view on YouTube.

PSHE

We will compare how we look now to how we looked when we were babies. We will discuss what people can/ cannot do at different stages of the life cycle.

Look at old photos of your family and talk about any changes that you notice. Talk about what you can do now that you couldn't do when you were a baby and what you will be able to do as you become older.

Maths

We will build upon our knowledge of the number system by counting, ordering, comparing and partitioning numbers. We will also develop our recall of number facts including number bonds and doubles.

Practise mental recall of number facts e.g. 'what is double 5?' 'which 2 numbers make 10?'

Use maths related vocabulary as much as you can such as more, less, difference, bigger, smaller, taller, shorter, heavier, lighter etc.