BIRCH CLASS • AUTUMN TERM 2

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half-term break. It is lovely to see the children back and refreshed, ready for another busy and enjoyable term in Birch Class.

OUR BIG QUESTION How have toys changed within living memory?

History – Toys

We are becoming toy historians! We will compare toys from the past and present and explore how toys have changed within living memory.
Do you have an old or interesting toy at home or perhaps at a grandparent's house?
Children are welcome to bring one in to share. Please do not send anything precious or valuable.

English – Toys in Space

Our core text is Toys in Space by Mini Grey. We will create our own toy-themed narratives and learn how to write a simple recount.

We will also continue to develop handwriting, vocabulary, sentence writing, grammar and punctuation through our text.

Nativity

We are very excited to begin preparing for our Nativity!
Year 2 children will take the lead roles with Year 1 supporting with singing. More information about costumes and arrangements will follow.
***Dates**: Tuesday 8th December at 9.15am*
Wednesday 9th December at 2.00pm.

PE

Wednesday afternoon – Indoor
Thursday morning – Outdoor
As the weather gets colder, green or black jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor PE.
Please remember to keep longer hair tied-back and that earrings should be removed or taped.

Reading & Library

Please keep reading together at home as often as possible – it makes a huge difference to fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and confidence.
Library: Wednesday
Children may borrow one library book each week once their previous book has been returned.

Spelling

Weekly spellings are linked to our classroom learning in phonics.
New spellings: Monday
Spelling test: Friday
Short, regular practice throughout the week is a great way to build confidence and accuracy.

OUR VALUE THIS TERM: TRUST

Taking someone at their word
Relying on someone to support you
Unbreakable promises
Showing that you can be trustworthy
Treasuring good friends



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Read together regularly and talk about what you have read.
- Practise weekly spellings little and often.
- Talk to your child about toys you played with when you were younger.
- If possible, look at an old toy together and discuss.

Thank you for your continued support – please contact the office if you have any questions.
Warm regards, Birch Class team.