



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Spring Term 1

Hot and Cold



Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Birch Class parents/carers,

We would first like to start by saying a huge thank you for all your lovely gifts and Christmas cards at the end of last term. It is truly appreciated. We hope you have had a lovely, relaxing Christmas break and are ready for another busy term. Along with this letter, you will also receive a Topic Web showing you the exciting learning we will be covering this term.

Over the course of term 3, our topic will be called 'Hot and Cold' where we will be learning about the hot and cold places on our planet and linking this with our science finding out how animals survive in their habitats. Our class core text, 'Leaf' by Sandra Diekmann will support this as we also explore endangered species.

We also welcome into Birch class this term, Mrs Lambert, trainee teacher with Blue Kite Academy Trust, who will be teaching and supporting the children throughout the term.

Reading and Spelling

We will continue to change Little Wandle/Collins Fluency reading books on a **Friday** each week. Please keep your child's reading book in their book bag and bring it into school every day. In class, children will be taking part in whole class reading lessons exploring a range of texts.

Spelling tests will continue to be on a **Friday** with new spellings given out on a **Monday**.

Forest School

This term, Birch class will be participating in a series of forest sessions every **Tuesday** afternoon. During these sessions, the children will learn how to use tools in order to whittle and cut, tie knots to secure ropes and string, make shelters and adventure playground equipment whilst developing teamwork skills of co-operation and communication.

It is advised that children wear old, weather appropriate clothing as they can get muddy. Children will need to bring clothing and suitable footwear e.g. wellies, waterproof coat, gloves or hat with them on Tuesday morning in a named bag. Please ensure everything is labelled as lost items tend to find their way back more quickly than those without a name!

The children will have P.E. on Thursdays only this term. This will be an outdoor session. Please make sure your child comes into school in their kit on this day.

In Spring Term 1 our school value focus is 'Courage'.

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

Empowered by encouragement



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone or make an appointment via the School Office.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Miss Dancer, Mrs Lambert, Mrs Millington and Miss Traynor.