

Birch Class News

Class webpage

Please keep checking the class page for information about upcoming events and photographs from what we are up to in class.

Reading

In Birch Class, we place great importance on reading. To further develop their skills, it is vital that children read regularly at home. Children are expected to read at least 4 times a week at home. Children who read less than 4 times a week will be expected to read at school in their own time to catch up. Children who read more than 4 times will go into a weekly draw to win a prize.

Swimming

Year 5 will be swimming every Thursday for this term. They will be leaving at 10am and will return to school before lunchtime. Please ensure that your child brings in their swimming kit every week and they are fully prepared. They will be driven to the swimming pool by the school staff and Mrs Icke will support the swimming instructors during the lessons.

This newsletter aims to share as much information as possible. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mr Palmer

Assessments

In Birch Class the children take regular assessments so we can monitor their progress and adapt the support we offer.

Year 6: The children sit previous SATs papers to familiarise themselves with the test style and help us monitor progress. They are also assessed for their reading and spelling age.

Year 5: The children sit termly PIRA (reading) and Assertive mentoring (maths) tests. They are also assessed for their reading and spelling age.

We also assess the pupil's writing every 3 weeks to monitor progress and set new targets.

Year 6 SATs sessions

Whilst the year 5 children are swimming, the year 6's will have the opportunity to work with me for some extra SATs preparation. This will include working through previous papers and focusing on areas of the curriculum that the children find particularly difficult. I will be setting extra homework for year 6 during this period which will need to be brought in on Thursday so we can go through it during the session. As a treat, children can bring in biscuits that they can share whilst they are working.