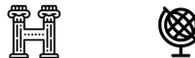


## Birch Class - Autumn 2 Class Curriculum Letter

Dear parents and carers, this half term is set to be the best kind of busy for Birch class. Please explore the focus in different subjects below and ask your child what they are more excited to learn about. Your child might be inspired to do some research or ask you some questions before they get started. Thank you for your continued support with your child's home reading. Reading for 15 minutes each night will make a significant difference to your child's progress and confidence. This can be in two chunks, or all in one go, and in a quiet space with no distractions or screens. This half term, your child's PE day is on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit. Thank you.

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Geography</b></p>
<p>In our art lessons this half term, we will be focusing on our textile skills. In particular, we will learn to use templates and to join materials when sewing.</p>	<p>This half term, we will be learning about algorithms - the instructions we write for computers and digital devices to follow. We will also learn to de-bug (fix) errors in code.</p>	<p>Our writing lessons will focus on a beautiful book called <i>The Robot and the Bluebird</i>. Linked to our geography learning, we will also be writing a guide to our local area and the River Lea.</p>	<p>In geography this term we will be learning all about Hackney and where it is in London. We will zoom into Hackney and look more closely at the River Lea and the wetlands.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maths</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE</b></p>
<p>Our focus areas in maths this term are:</p> <p>Calculations within 20 Fluently add and subtract within 10 Addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers</p>	<p>In our first glockenspiel unit of Year 2, we will deepen our knowledge of pitch and pulse and rhythm. After reinforcing pitches and rhythms through songs and games, we will learn to apply these skills to playing the glockenspiel. By the end of this unit, we will be able to read and recognise basic rhythm notation.</p>	<p>In the unit 'Send and Return' we will learn to track the path of a ball over a net and move towards it. We will begin to hit and return a ball with increasing accuracy.</p>	<p>Our focus is <i>Celebrating Differences</i>. We will think about what makes us different to our friends and recognise that these differences make us unique and special.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RE</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Springfield Citizen</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Visits and Trips</b></p>
<p>Our big question for RE this half term is: What values does Hanukkah teach? We will dive into Judaism and focus on this special time for Jewish people.</p>	<p>Our focus in science will be on everyday materials and their purposes. We will experiment with materials and test their suitability for certain functions.</p>	<p>This half term, we will have an opportunity to develop our qualities of being curious and collaborative. We will ask questions about our local area and how to preserve its wildlife. In our partnerships, we will learn to listen and engage in thoughtful dialogues.</p>	<p>We will make the most of being so close to the marshes this term by taking an enriching journey to the marshes to explore why they are so important to our community and wildlife.</p>
<p><b>Reading Spine</b></p>		<p><b>Rights Respecting</b></p>	
<p>We will be reading <i>Esio Trot</i> and <i>The Enormous Crocodile</i> by Roald Dahl, as well as some of his rhymes <i>Dirty Beasts</i>. We will also be reading traditional Christmas tales, such as <i>The Night Before Christmas</i> as we approach the end of term.</p>		<p>Each week, we will continue to explore the Rights Respecting Article of the Week. An Article that particularly links to our learning this half term is the right to play and rest, as we look at what we can enjoy in our landscape around Hackney.</p>	

