



## Birch Class Newsletter



### Welcome to Birch Class

Hello and welcome to Birch class! I hope that you had a lovely summer and feel refreshed and ready for a new school year. Most of the information in this letter will be things that you may be familiar with already but please have a read as some things have changed slightly. This newsletter contains all you need to know about our class work and what your child will need to bring with them to school.

### Staffing:

Class teacher: Mr Armes - Monday - Friday

Teaching assistants: Miss Wentworth - Monday - Friday

Miss Standing - Monday - Friday am (Wednesday am & pm)

We are very excited to get started and hope that the children are, too.

If you would like to talk to me any of us directly, please make an appointment to see us or email the school office [admin@hormead.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hormead.herts.sch.uk)

### Lates and Absences

Gates are open from 8:35am. The Register will be taken before 9. Lates and absences must be reported to Mrs Sprosson at the office. She can be contacted on 01763 289201.

### Uniform

Please make sure correct uniform is worn at all times and **ensure it is named**. The uniform policy is on the school website. On Wednesday, the children are expected to come into school wearing their PE kit with their coloured house T-shirt.

### Spellings

Weekly spelling words will come from our Little Wandle scheme. These will include common exception words and words featuring our spelling rules. Each week a 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' sheet will be sent home to help with practising. Spellings will be tested every Friday. Children will receive a Spelling Shed login for them to practice online.

### Homework

Please make sure that the children have to opportunity to practice their weekly spelling words and read every day. Children will also receive Maths and English homework on alternating weeks. Children will receive a house point for each piece of homework completed and returned.

### Reading

Reading books will be sent home with your child and we endeavour to change them at least once a week. The adults in class will check in with your child's reading through the term to check with their progress. Your child will be read with a teacher/teaching assistant weekly. Please can you hear your child read daily and ensure you record it in their reading record.

### Times tables

TTRockstars log in details will be in reading records. Times tables will be set for your child individually based on their speed of recall and will be monitored regularly. By the end of Year 2, your child will be expected to know the 2, 5 and 10 times tables but will be pushed to learn others if they can.

### Our Creative Curriculum Topic this term

During the Autumn Term, Birch will be learning about schools in the past. This topic will allow us to explore how schooling systems have changed. In Autumn 2, our learning will be Geography focussed and the children will be learning about hot and cold climates.

## School rules and values

Children will follow our 4 school rules:

### **Be Ready - Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Truthful**

We will also discuss our school values and how it is important to follow these in school. Love, Respect, Kindness, Aspiration, Resilience, Courage and Cooperation. House points and/or value leaves will be used to celebrate children following these expectations.

### Water Bottle

Please ensure your child comes to school with a **named and reusable** water bottle.

### PE

Our PE slot is on Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE kit suitable for the weather.

### Website and ClassDojo

Keep an eye on our class pages as we will be posting lots of photos related to the learning that the children have been taking part in. You are welcome to message class adults on ClassDojo but if these messages are sent after 5pm, they will not be seen until the next day.

## Timetable:

	8:45 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:15	9:15 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 11:10	11:10 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:40	1:45 - 2:45	2:45 - 3:10
Monday	Reading/ TT/Rockstars/ Numbots/ Register			Maths	BREAK	Spelling	English	LUNCH	Guided Reading	History/ Geography	Handwriting
Tuesday	Assembly	Assembly	Daily Mile	Maths	BREAK	Spelling	English	LUNCH	RE	Computing/ Music	Handwriting
Wednesday	Assembly	Assembly	Daily Mile	PE	BREAK	Spelling	Maths	LUNCH	English	PSHE	
Thursday	Assembly	Assembly	Daily Mile	Maths	BREAK	Spelling	English	LUNCH	Guided Reading	Science	Handwriting
Friday	Assembly	Assembly	Daily Mile	Maths	BREAK	Spelling Test	English	LUNCH	Guided Reading	Art/ D&T	Golden Time