



ST JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers and of course children,

Welcome to Birch Class!!!!!!

My name is Mrs Mercer and I will be teaching the class Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning and Friday. Mrs Longhi will be teaching Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons.

We are also very fortunate to have Mrs Simpson and Mrs Wilde as our teaching assistants.

PE

Our PE days will be Wednesday and Friday this year and your child will need to be wearing full PE kit on those days. On Wednesday their PE session will be taught by Pro Sport. If your child wears earrings please remove for PE days if possible. If not please supply medical tape to cover the earrings. Tape is better than plasters as it stays put.

Reading

Your child will bring a reading book home with them shortly. Please listen to your child read as frequently as you can and what is manageable for you at home. This will form part of their expected homework. Talk to your child about the book, discuss the characters and predict what might happen next. It is also a good idea to have an interest book to read alongside your child. Please send the book back to school only when it needs changing and remind your child to place it in the change box. They will also have a book that they will be able to read in school to staff which means they can leave their other one at home.

Homework

Please see the attached information about our Mathematics KIRFS for this half term. There will also be reading and spelling homework.



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Spellings

Spelling words and patterns will be taught within the week in short sessions alongside the Year 3 Word list. We will spend more time on applying these words into our writing rather than spelling tests. I will give spelling homework but aimed more at practice rather than learning spelling lists.

Times Tables

The requirement for the end of Year 2 is that your child should be able to recall multiplication and division facts in the 2,5 and 10 times tables. Please continue to practice these at home if they are not already embedded. Times Tables underpin a lot of the other maths that we do in Year 3 and continuing through school. The requirement for the end of Year 3 is to recall facts in the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Medical Issues

I have had information passed onto me regarding allergies and inhalers. However, if you need to update us please do. If your child has an inhaler please can you send into school and check its expiry date.

Birch Class door is always open and please do come and speak to us if you need to. Mrs Simpson is always to be found manning the external door in the mornings and will pass on any information. Mrs Longhi and myself are usually a bit easier to catch at the end of the day. I look forward to working with you all and meeting you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F G Mercer.





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