

# Birch Class

Year One

Welcome to Birch Class! We are looking forward to getting to know you all a little better in the next few weeks. We have a very exciting term ahead of us!



We are Mr Arthur and Mrs Steel.



We are looking forward to working with you throughout the year.

Dates for you diary:

2<sup>nd</sup> September: INSET

3<sup>rd</sup> September: Children back to school

25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October: Half term

18<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of Autumn Term

**P.E.**

Our P.E. days are Monday and Thursday.

Please dress your child in their PE kits on these days.

Thank you

Please bear with us at the end of the day when you come to collect your child; we try our best to recognise parents!

If you need to speak to us at any point, please feel free to book an appointment in the office.

## Home learning

Thank you for helping your child at home. English, Maths and Phonics home learning will be put on Google Classroom each Friday. We expect each activity to take no more than 10 minutes. If your child is struggling, please let us know.

Children are expected to read at home every night for at least ten minutes and we would like you to write what they are reading in their communication journals.

Thank you for your support!





Our topic this half term is:  
'In the toy cupboard'  
which is all about the history of toys.



### English

In English we will be looking at Toy Story, Lost in the Toy Museum and Toys in Space. We will be writing stories, instructions and lost posters.



### Mathematics

We will be covering **12345**  
• Place Value **67890**  
• Addition and Subtraction

This term we will have a particular focus on making sure the children's basic understanding of Maths is secure.

### History

We will be looking into the history of toys, from what they were like in the past to how they have changed to the modern toys.



### Computing

We will be focussing on E-safety and why this is important to start with and then animation.



### Phonics

We will be starting this year recapping on their knowledge gained in year R. We will then learning our last graphemes, focussing on 4 a week and a new tricky word each Friday.



### Science

In Science we will be learning about humans. We will be investigating our senses and the different body parts associated with them. We will also be starting our longitudinal study.



### Art

We will be painting self-portraits by using different sketching techniques and mixing paints together to create the right shades.



### RE

We will be learning about creation.

