

Welcome to Birch - Year 3



Introductions

Birch Class



Teacher

Mrs Connolly



Other Year 3 team members

Year group Teaching Assistants: Mrs Styles, Mrs Gawron and Mrs J

Intervention teaching assistants: Mrs Banerjee

LKS2 Leader: Miss Dourado

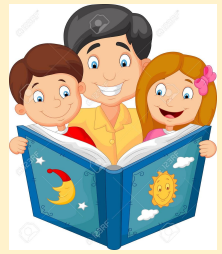
We are available at the end of the day for any quick queries for anything more lengthy please make an appointment via the website.

Topic Overview

A more in depth overview of each half term will be available on the website www.devonshireprimary.org under our year group page.

Autumn Term	Geography - How do we look after our Little Blue Planet?
	History - How has our local area changed?
Spring Term	History - What Was Life Like in the The Early Ages?
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Summer Term	Geography - How do Tectonic Plates Affect the Earth's Surface?
	Geography - How is England similar to Spain?

Reading Books



Children will be read with by an adult regularly at school.

They can change their books when they have finished reading their book.

We encourage the children to read at home 5 times a week. This can be to anyone! Mum, Dad, Sister, Brother, Auntie, Uncle, Grandparent- anyone who enjoys a good story! Please sign your child's reading record after reading with them at home. It only needs to be 5-10 minutes if you're short for time- every little helps when reading.

We do check these regularly with classes having rewards for reading at home.

Uniform



- Please ensure your child is coming into school with the correct uniform, including black school shoes - no boots or trainers.
- Hair must be tied back with simple dark hair accessories.
- Enquiries can be made about second hand uniform on the website
 - Home - Parents - Parent Portal - Uniform.
 - There is an enquiry form at the end of the Uniform Policy

Uniform



- It is also very helpful if all items of uniform are named, so if pieces of clothing are left outside/lost they can be reunited with their owner as quickly as possible.
- Winter uniform begins in the second half of Autumn term. For the juniors this means that shirts and ties are to be worn, not polo shirts.
- Please remember to send in a coat as the weather turns colder and wetter, as we will be out in all weathers.
- No nail varnish.
- No hooped or dangling earrings.

P.E.

P.E. Lessons will be on a Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor). Please send your child to school wearing their P.E kit.

P.E kit: yellow t-shirt, blue shorts, blue/black/grey tracksuit bottoms, blue sweatshirt/school jumper and trainers.

Hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed on a P.E. day.

Swimming -
Weeks beginning 13th October and 9th March



Book bags

We are limited for space and the pegs for coats are positioned close together. Therefore large rucksacks are an unnecessary hazard.

Pencil cases are not required in school as we provide stationery for the children.



Home Learning

A home learning menu will be sent home with a range of activities. Each week the children are to pick one of the activities, complete it and bring it into school.

The children are expected to spend 10 minutes on times table rockstars 4 times a week.

The children are also expected to read at least 5 times a week but preferably daily and have their reading record signed by an adult. Reading records will be checked weekly.

Parents' Evenings

Autumn - Thursday 13th November 2025

Spring - Tuesday 3rd March 2026

School will close early on both dates.

A-Z club stays open for pre-booked children.

Booking will be via the Parents' Evening System as normal.

More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Trips

Place	Planned date (this may change)
Sutton High street and Library (linked to History and English)	week beginning 24/11/25
Butser Farm (linked to History)	24th February
Natural History Museum (linked to Geography)	29th April (tbc)

For all trips (excluding swimming) they will be a cost of around £34. A letter containing this information will be emailed to you.

Further details of each trip will be near to the time, as details needs to be finalised. Please note dates are subject to change.



Opal at Devonshire



At Devonshire, we know that play is a crucial part of every child's development. That's why every Devonshire lunchtime is jam packed with purposeful play experiences that the children love.

Children can enjoy access to the whole school site including the field, play with a wide variety of loose parts and play with children of different ages.

We are proud to be the first school in Sutton and Kingston to be awarded the Opal platinum award . It is the highest accolade that can be awarded and shows our commitment to providing the highest quality lunchtime play experience for the children.



A copy of these slides will be available on the website.

Thank you for joining us this afternoon, enjoy the rest of your evening.