



Year 5 Newsletter

Term 1

What will be learning this term?

In Maths, we will be learning about number and place value. The children will look at the four operations and practise their rounding abilities - *5 and above round it up, 4 and below leave it alone!*

In English, our learning will be based on two texts (Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne and a children's version of Macbeth). We will be making sure that we are secure in writing complex sentences and expanding our sentence writing abilities.

In Science, we will be learning about properties and changes of materials. We will be exploring mixtures and solutions, reversible and irreversible changes and evaporation. There will be lots of opportunities for hands-on learning this term!

Our big question this term in RE is, 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?' We will be exploring this question through biblical texts and artwork.

In Computing, we will be learning about computing systems and networks. We will be focusing on sharing information.

During our PSHE lessons, we will be learning about families and relationships. We will have lots of class discussions on how to form positive relationships with others.

In History, we will be travelling back in time to study the ancient Mayan civilisation. We will make comparisons between their culture and ours.

During our French lessons, we will be learning how to say the names of common pets. We will then explore our understanding of how to express which pets we have, don't have and their names.

In PE lessons, we will be focusing on games and athletics.

For more information about what your child is learning this term, please visit: [Our Curriculum | Birchington Church of England Primary School](#)

Home Learning

Weekly Home Learning expectations:

- Frequent reading logged in your Reading Record
- Frequent spelling practise using Spelling Shed or other spelling activities (see website for ideas)
- Frequent times table practise using Times Tables Rockstars or other times table activities (see website for ideas)

During Week 1, a list of suggested Home Learning activities will be sent home in the Love to Learn Journal. Throughout the term, you are welcome to choose any of the activities and showcase what you have done in your Home Learning book. The activities in the shaded boxes link to our learning in school.

At the end of term, each class will have a 'Love to Learn Celebration Day' where children will have the opportunity to share their learning with their peers and see what others have completed as well.

Please see the Home Learning Policy on the school website for more details.

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 1 st September	First day of Term 1
Friday 25 th September	French Day
Thursday 17 th September	Come and See
Friday 9 th October	Harvest Celebration
Friday 16 th October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 2 nd November	First day of Term 2
Thursday 10 th December	Come and See
Thursday 4 th February	Come and See
Thursday 25 th March	Come and See - Easter Service
Thursday 20 th May	Come and See
Wednesday 9 th June	Come and See - Sports Day

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please initially speak to their teacher at the end of the day or contact the Phase Leader email to arrange a meeting or phone call. For more information about SEND, please visit: [SEND | Birchington Church of England Primary School](#)