

Silver Birch Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Welcome back to a new school year. We are looking forward to enjoying a term of fun packed activities, getting outside as much as possible before the weather turns. We have already planned some exciting activities, which we give details of nearer the date. Our Topic this term is 'All Change'.

Dates for your diary:

Year 2 welcome meeting- Thursday 11th Sept- 3.20pm

Flu vaccinations- Tues 16th September

Outdoor Learning Day/OPAL assembly and stay and play

Friday 26th September.

Harvest Festival- Monday 6th October 9.15am

Class Assembly- Friday 17th October (also last day for term)

OUR CURRICULUM

This term's work is based on our topic 'All change' and will be cross-curricular. In Geography, we are learning about our surrounding areas and learning to map simple maps. Science focuses on animals including humans and looks at how people change and develop. We also look at what is needed for good development. In Art will explore clay and how this can be molded and shaped.

English will be based on the texts- 'In my heart- A book of feelings by Jo Witek' and 'If I were in charge of the World' by Judith Viorst.

Maths will continue to follow the White Rose scheme of learning.

This term we will focus on:-
Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

PE KITS

Please ensure that **all clothing** is clearly named, **including** PE kit, plimsolls and shoes. PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursday. The following kit is required in school at all times.

Outdoor kit- tracksuit, t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls.

Indoor kit- shorts T-shirt.

The children require **ALL** of the above not just one bottom and one top. Indoor PE cannot be done in trousers which are only used for outside. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE PRESENT.**



Many Thanks.

J. Johnson and A. Shovlin
Year 2 Team

READING AT HOME

Home reading books can be changed daily if the children wish to do so. Children will be able to select their own reading book within their colour band rather than an adult selecting their book for them. We hope that this will encourage the child to read more regularly and also allow them more independence in their reading. To facilitate this system we ask that when your child brings a new book home **you** record the title and date in their reading record and your comments on how they have managed the book. We will of course monitor the books your child reads regularly.

Reading Rewards

Children will earn a book token for every 10 times they read at home. If you have signed to say that your child has read some (or all) of their book then, at the start of the day, they will need bring their reading book and record into class and place it in the reading box. A staff member will then check they have read and sign their chart in the back of their reading record. When 10 reads is achieved they will be presented with their book token and/or certificate. These are placed onto a class chart and when the class has achieved 10 tokens, they will all have a treat. In addition, when a child receives a book token they will move up on the reading rainbow. When they reach the top of the rainbow (80 books) they will become a reading ambassador, unless this was achieved in a previous year, and get a special badge to wear (a bit like the prefects). They then continue on to gain Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.