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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Birch class everybody. We have made a great start to the year over the first few days, with the children responding very maturely and responsibly to getting back into the routines and expectations of school.

This term's topic is '**Creativity**'.

To find out what children will be learning, please see the curriculum map, knowledge organiser and homework suggestions which will be sent out Monday. These have been planned to contain elements of the National Curriculum in what we hope is an exciting and relevant way to engage our learners. Included are our focus question and concept. We hope they help you support your child at home, and enable you to ask about their day with some prior knowledge!

The homework menu details some different ideas and websites that support our learning. Please feel free to dip in, especially if your child shows a keen interest in something specific. The emphasis for this is on the children to recognise the positive impact it can have on their journey through the year. We will share any homework that has been done at home during the school day, probably on a Friday.

Times tables will be sent home for each child, and are tailored to which stage they are at. **Spellings** are given out each week to be learnt at home. Both of these are tested weekly in class. It really does help consolidation of these if they are learning and revising them at home.

Reading is essential at this stage of their development and the children have reflection activities to complete in school to ascertain their understanding of what they have read. We will be doing both guided reading around a text common to the whole class, and individual reading 1:1 with myself or another





adult in school. Reading books are being sent home for you to hear your child read and comments can be made in their reading records.

This year, PE will include weekly **forest school** visits each Wednesday, as well as their **swimming** lessons which will be each Monday afternoon in the Autumn term. **P.E** in school will be on a Thursday so please send your child dressed in their PE kit on these days. Children will need trainers, navy blue shorts, navy tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and a navy tracksuit top. No football kits, please. PE sessions are either indoors or outdoors so please make sure your child is prepared for both.

Finally, if you would like to discuss anything relating to your child's time in school you are always welcome. I am often on the playground before school and am always happy to speak with parents at the end of the school day. Alternatively you can e-mail me at any time at: lsyrett8pra@nsix.org.uk

Kind regards and welcome back once again,

Mrs Lorraine Syrett

