



Welcome to Birch & Oak Class



Year 6 Weekly Home Learning Expectations & Useful Information

Homework helps our children **SHINE**. Our homework schedule helps them to do this and we hope this summary makes our expectations clear and shows which days different tasks should be done.

Reading Our whole school reading challenge and expectation is that each child reads a minimum of 4 times a week.	Whole school Reading Challenge Each child's weekly reads are counted every Thursday , with certificates and prizes awarded in increments of 50. One read per day is counted (max. 7 per week). Reads must be recorded in Reading Records, so please ensure these are in book bags every day. As children move into Year 6, they are becoming increasingly independent readers, but reading together remains just as important. Please continue to make time to read with your child and talk about what they are reading. Reading aloud to your child, listening to them read, or sharing a book together can help develop fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Most importantly, talking about a text helps children to think more deeply about what they have read.
Times Tables Rock Stars https://play.ttrockstars.com/public	The log-ins for the TTRS platform are the same as pupils' existing log-ins from Year 5. TTRS is designed to help children practise their times tables through a variety of different activities. Each child has their own bespoke heat map which shows how quickly they answer each times table fact and highlights areas which need practice. We ask that pupils access their account throughout the week at home.
Spellings	Your child will bring their Spelling Book home on a Friday with a list of new spelling words. These spelling patterns will be explored in school during the upcoming week. We ask that your child completes the 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' activity either all in one go or on three separate occasions if they prefer. Pupils are not required to complete the 'Word Meaning' activity at the bottom of their book unless they wish to. We will collect spelling homework in on a Thursday.
Knowledge Organisers	These are sent home termly and contain key knowledge of what is being taught each term and in the topic. We ask that you spend time with your child to learn these facts and key knowledge – questions, pinning it on the fridge, researching to find out more.
ClassDojo	This is a key source of communication with you, so we do recommend that you check it daily to see any messages and get to see some of the learning your child has been busy doing.
Library books	Children are placed on a colour book band according to their current reading ability. This provides a guide to help them choose books that they can read independently, but children are welcome to select books from other colour bands too. They can choose from a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books, according to their interests. If your child chooses a book from a higher level, they may need some support from an adult to help them read and understand it. We believe it is important for children to know that they can enjoy and learn from all books, even those they cannot yet read independently. Please support your child by sharing, reading and enjoying these books together.
Communication	If you wish to contact your child's class teacher, this must be through the school office. The office emails is admin.cbjs@glatrust.org.uk If there is anything urgent for the same day please contact the school office via telephone. The admin team will pass messages to the class teachers. Absence must be phoned through to the school office.
PE Days	PE days in Birch will be Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor). PE days in Oak will be Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor). Please ensure that children arrive at school wearing their PE kits. On wet days, we suggest that children bring a change of shoes. Long hair should be tied back and stud earrings either removed or taped over.
SATs homework	Following the Christmas break, during the Spring Term, children will be given weekly homework focusing on Maths, Grammar and Reading. This work will help to consolidate their learning in school and prepare them for their upcoming SATs assessments. We will also run a homework club where children can complete these tasks in school if they need additional time, support or a quiet space to work.

Thank you, as always, for helping our children to **SHINE** and for your support in their learning journey, please ask or email if you have any questions regarding the above.