SP

Core School Value	Trips, Enrichment Days and Visitors	Parental Involvement
Wisdom	Swimming	Show and Share

Birch—Term 5

Literacy

Our focus texts this term is 'Jabari Tries' by Gaia Cornwall and 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max. We are focusing on independently writing short sentences using known phonics, and securing our use of capital letters and full stops. We will be writing about characters, writing about things that fly, thinking about what we want to be when we grow up, and writing poems. We'll also begin learning Set 3 RWI phonics .

Maths

We are going to be exploring numbers to 20 and beyond. We will look at the pattern of numbers and watch how they grow in tens and ones. We will also be learning to add and subtract numbers. We will look at composing and decomposing shapes. We will look at finding shapes within other shapes.

Communication and Language

We are going to be working on using talk to solve any problems we might face. We will also focus on organising our thinking and activities, explaining how things work and why different things might happen.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are going to be thinking particularly about considering the perspective of others. This includes how the choices we make, effect other people. We will also be working on managing our own needs and showing independence.

Physical Development

We will be focusing on combining different movements with ease and fluency. We are developing overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility. We will be going swimming this term. We are continuing to work on our fine motor skills with correct pencil grip for fluent handwriting and using scissors competently, safely and confidently.

Understanding the World

We are going to be talking about different members of our community and people in our lives. We will be learning about inventors, different materials and space!

Expressive Arts and Design

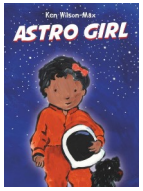
We are thinking about returning and building on our previous learning, refining ideas and taking on constructive criticism from others.

RE

We are going to be learning about world faiths through terms 5 and 6. We will be thinking about which stories are special and why, and about how stories help people to know how to behave. This term we will look at Jewish and Muslim stories.

Core Books

Jabari is determined to invent a machine all by himself that will fly right across his back garden. He consults books, finds out about inventors and inventions and makes careful plans but he just can't quite make it work. Then his dad suggests that partnering with his little sister Nika might help and together they produce a feat of engineering. Advice from dad about dealing with feelings of frustration plays an important part too.



Astrid wants to be an astronaut. Her dad tells her all the things she will need to do if she becomes one and her strong self-belief in her abilities is joyfully apparent. Then it's time to go and meet Astrid's mum from work and we discover who has inspired her to have this ambition.

The illustrations depict a black family in this affectionate picture book. Information at the back of the book includes a brief introduction to five women astronauts from a variety of cultural backgrounds.