

Birch Home Learning Suggestions

Below, you will find lots of ideas for things that you can do at home to keep busy. I would love to see any photos of the things that you have done!



English

Don't forget to read every day! This may include books you have at home, magazines, recipe books, ebooks etc. Both listening to and reading to your child as well as asking questions will help with fluency and comprehension.

<http://www.pobble365.com/> This website posts one picture each day and provides questions prompts and a story starter.

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/> This is a good website for practising all of the year 1 spelling words and all of the spelling rules.

Spelling mats went home on Wednesday. Birch class enjoy look, cover, write and check. Can they write a sentence using the word they have practised writing?

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/> This is a great website for finding new books to read and you can browse by age.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/> Listen to a variety of stories being read online.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> Free ebooks and a parent guide to phonics.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Free online phonics games.

<https://www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html> Comics pitched at different learning levels based on the different phonics phases.

Maths

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/> Practise 2, 5 and 10 multiplication and division questions. Children already know their logins.

<https://play.numbots.com/> Number fluency games. The challenge levels can be accessed once your child reaches level 80. Logins sent home on Wednesday.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> This is the scheme of work we follow in school for maths. They have created free home learning packs to support parents. We are currently exploring place value within 50 in Y1 as well as addition and subtraction in Reception.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8> Easy to follow guides covering all areas of KS1 maths.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots> EYFS can practise counting, ordering and matching orders.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> You can practise all of your mental maths skills on here with quick fire questions against the clock.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10> Daily arithmetic for different areas of

maths. You should aim to work on level 1 activities in Y1.

<https://matr.org/blog/fun-maths-games-activities-for-kids/> A blog with lots of offline maths games ideas to make and play at home.

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/> Free home learning packs to download to support maths, reading, grammar and other practical ideas.

Science

<https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/en/activities> Great prompts for science organised into age groups. Investigation ideas too!

<https://northmcrstem.co.uk/latest-stem-activities> Exciting science activities for all age groups.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/?Help=21> Help nature in your garden or outdoor area by having a go at one of the RSPB activities. Maybe you could make a bug hotel or a small pond from an old tub/pot?

Can you plant some fruit seeds in an empty yogurt pot, water them, keep a diary and watch them grow?

Art and D.T.

<https://artfulparent.com/> - Hundreds of art projects for children to do at home.

Do some good old junk box modelling. Make a model of your house and use your knowledge of materials to compare.

Marble run madness! Can you make a marble run out of things that you have around your house? (If you don't have a marble, you could use any small ball.)

Make repeated pattern prints using natural materials, e.g potato printing.

Follow a recipe together, no matter how simple! Weighing and measuring is great for maths too.

Spend some time in your garden with some pencils and some paper. Draw all the growing plants, herbs and flowers in your garden. Can you label your picture with roots, stem, leaves, flowers?

Geography & History

<https://www.familydaystriedandtested.com/free-virtual-tours-of-world-museums-educational-sites-galleries-for-children/> A comprehensive list of virtual tours you can take with your children; adventure all over the world from your own home!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zkqmhyc> - KS1 history topics. Children can explore their own interests and see where their learning takes them back in time.

Look through old family photos and talk about the changes from then to now.

Can you look at a map of the UK and find places you have visited?

Can you create a balloon globe and label the countries you have been to on holiday?

R.E.

Make hot cross buns and talk about their significance at this time of year.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-5074-the-easter-story-powerpoint> - An illustrated PowerPoint to help you tell the Easter Story.

Create an Easter treasure basket.

Computing

As a lot of home learning content will be online, it is a great opportunity to talk about esafety and what children should do if they see something which concerns them.

<https://www.purplemash.com/> - Great for coding games. Y1 upwards have logins.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbhgjsx/articles/z2s49j6> - Children can practise their word processing skills by writing a story on Microsoft Word.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbhgjsx/articles/ztrq7ty> - A chance to discuss with children how computers and technology have changed over the years.

Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uF9mvzhg0-c> Learn to sign whilst singing along to 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars or to 'Roar' by Katy Perry,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nebhMGbARgU> or 'How Far I'll Go' from Moana
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVJAFYmbHxw>.

Can you create your own music? If you have 'We are going on a bear hunt' at home, can you create sounds that the grass, mud, storm and bear make? Parents can read the story, while children make the sounds. Take turns reading.

Staying Active!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers> Song and dance routines to help embed key maths and English learning in a fun way!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TgLf3PMOc> - Birch class really enjoy counting to 100 with Jack Hartman.

<https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/free-stuff> - Birch class love jump start jonny, a great way to get moving to some favourite tunes.

The Body Coach youtube channel - 5 minute move kid workouts with Joe Wicks. PE with Joe starting Monday at 9am.

Cosmic Kids Yoga youtube channel - yoga and mindfulness videos for children.

Create your own fitness workout for others. You may wish to write it down or even film yourself!

Run around the garden 10 times and time yourself. Can you get a little bit faster every day?

Build an obstacle course and challenge yourself or others to create a personal best.

