



BIRKENHEAD  
HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

## Year 1 Curriculum Leaflet

### SPRING - Branching out

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting term of learning we have prepared for your child! Year 1's themed curriculum unit, '**Branching out**' will include different plants and trees and how some retain or lose their leaves. We will begin to widen our horizons looking at the globe and our place in the world. We will also continue with our reading and writing journey as they continue to develop their phonic knowledge and branch out to phases 4 and 5.

#### How you can help your child learn at home:

- Visit your local library and explore books about : Plants and trees.
- Try to grow a seed and learn about what makes it healthy.
- Discuss the plants in your garden and make observational drawings.
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#### Home Learning Project:

This term's first project is ...

Read a book about something or someone growing. It could be Jack and the Beanstalk or Oliver's Vegetables or 'The Tiny seed.' Then make a project about this story of growth or even yourself and how you have grown and changed since being a baby. You can include drawings, labels, photographs, life cycles. The project can be as long or short as you want but try to show that you know things or people change as they grow.

#### Topic Words to Learn:

Can you find out what each of these words mean? deciduous, seed, evergreen, leaf, branch, wild flower, globe, town, county, peninsula city, town , capital city, landmark.

# Branching out...

## Y1 CURRICULUM MAP

### Humanities

The girls will have opportunities to familiarise themselves with a globe and ask questions.

They will use simple blocked maps perhaps with a theme

They will begin to point out where they think their home is on a map.

They will begin to describe places using their characteristics and simple vocab.

House, street, wood

### Educational Visits and/or Speakers

Lots of opportunities for outdoor learning and a possible visit from Ranger

### Science

Girls will be able to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They can identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

Girls will be given the opportunity to grow a variety of seeds and bulbs and make observational changes.

### Maths

We will be learning about:

Addition and Subtraction to 50

- Number including place value to 20 and then 50

- Shape, space and measure.

-Reasoning skills

What do plants need to grow and how can we make this fair?

### English

Through the book 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' we will explore grammar, vocabulary and punctuation.

Information texts

Dictionary work

Senses poetry along the theme of smells and colours of Spring /seasonal change

Fantasy stories- Beegu- Branching out of your comfort zone....making friends, unfamiliar places, getting lost.

How is Chinese New year celebrated and when? What is a New Years' 'Resolution'?

### Computing

We will continue to use our new Microsoft Word presentation skills and learn new skills such as re-sizing text, changing colour and font.

### Art and DT

We will be doing observational sketches of flowers during our study of Georgia O'Keefe and the sunflowers of Van Gogh. We will be considering how we produce the correct textures on our page after looking at leaves and doing leaf rubbings.

### RE & PSHE

We will be looking at celebrations in other cultures then focusing on New Beginnings and friendships. We will explore friendships through the 'Owl who was afraid of the Dark' We will explore Chinese New Year and Holi Celebrations

PE & Music will continue to be taught alongside our themed unit covering all objectives and integrating where appropriate, into our Project eXplore work.