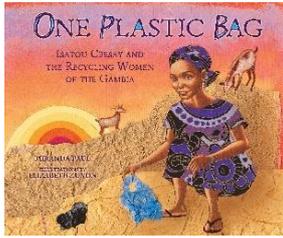


Dear Parents,



In Spring 2, Birch class will be reading the inspirational autobiography story, **'One Plastic Bag,'** by Miranda Paul. This book explores themes around looking after the environment and collaborating with others to find solutions for issues affecting our planet.

Share the story with your child and discuss the events in the stories. Ask your child questions beginning with the words, 'who, what, where, when, why'.

'One Plastic Bag,' by Miranda Paul. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NT87dGFQxa4>

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia tells the inspiring story of five women who creatively dealt with their village's plastic trash problem. Despite limited resources and ridicule, Isatou and her friends persevered for more than a decade, eventually realizing economic empowerment through their recycled plastic purse project.

This term we will continue to practice non-fiction writing based on the English text, focused on recycling or environmental issues. We will use our research skills, read a range of non-fiction text and discuss them to write information on a topic. Support your child to practice researching information on a topic they are interested in.

We will use essential vocabulary and 'Colourful Semantic' (See image) sentence frames to support us in our writing.



Throughout the term, we will develop our use of past tenses, conjunctions, time adverbs and punctuation in our writing through different activities. Please continue to read regularly with your child to build their vocabulary for speaking and writing.

When practicing **writing** at home, help your

child to **'think'** about what they want to write, **'say it'**, **'write it'** and **'check it'**.



Below, the website **BBC Bitesize** has many videos and activities to help develop **skills your child needs** to progress in English. Please speak to **Ms James** if you need further support with this:

Non-fiction writing:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdxktcw>

Suffix and prefix:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/superheroes/articles/zm2rhbk>

General grammar – conjunctions, tenses, punctuation:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7xktcw>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znxjfdm/articles/zqk37p3>

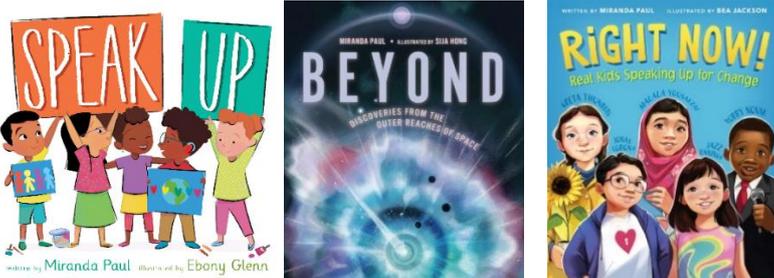
Spelling and handwriting are a large part of writing so to build confidence with this, please help your child to practice their spelling and handwriting each day. Pupils will complete a long spelling test in the first week back to school and mini tests each week.

In class reading activities continues with us practicing our, retrieval, inferencing and predicting skills using various text types. Support you children to practice these reading skills while reading daily at home.

*Some story **vocabulary** might be new to your child so please help him/her with learning to understand these words.

 pelt	 drift	 discover	 useless
 slurp	 blister	 emerge	 aluminium
 swarm	 recycle	 plastic	 fabric

*To continue to develop a love of reading, you might want to read some more books by the author Miranda Paul:



Many thanks,

Birch Class Team

