



Birchensale Middle School Library



Opening times:

Before School

Monday to Wednesday - 8.15am to 8.40am

Lunchtime

12.40pm to 1.20pm

After School

Mondays – KS2 Homework Club (Year 5 & 6) – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Tuesdays – KS3 Homework Club (Year 7 & 8) – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Librarian: Ms A Howard

We have a fantastic library at Birchensale Middle School that can really help pupils with their reading, studies and homework.

There is a great selection of fiction books that will appeal to all tastes as well as a comprehensive range of non-fiction books that cover every aspect of the school curriculum.

The library is a welcoming and friendly place and is hugely popular with all pupils. Each year group has its own allocated lunchtime, to use the library:



Monday	-	Year 5
Tuesday	-	Year 6
Wednesday	-	All years for homework and reading
Thursday	-	Year 7
Friday	-	Year 8

Pupils are welcome to use the library at lunchtime on their allocated day for reading, homework, and games.

All pupils are permitted to use the library **any** lunchtime if they wish to quiz and change books.

Loaning Books - The library has a wide range of books that may be taken out on loan. Pupils are usually allowed to borrow one book from the library at a time, which must be an Accelerated Reader book from within their reading zones. Books are loaned out for up to four weeks.

The return date is stamped onto a slip in the front of the book. This return date can be extended if the pupil has not finished reading it.

Pupils must always have their Accelerated Reading book with them when they are in School.



School Shop - There is a school stationery shop in the library which carries a range of essential stationery items that pupils can buy at reasonable prices. The stationery shop is cash only.

Homework Club – A homework club is held in the library every Monday and Tuesday after school.

Monday- KS2 (Year 5 & 6) from 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Tuesday - KS3 (Year 7 & 8) from 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Pupils must be booked in every week via MCAS and must attend for the whole session.

Theo – Theo is our library dog at Birchensale, he is owned by Ms Howard and comes into school twice a week to spend time with the children. He is a great to spend time with and can help children that struggle with their emotions or reading.

There are many benefits to having a school dog, including:

- a calming effect on pupils, particularly those with behavioural or learning difficulties
- improved behaviour and concentration, reduced stress and improved self-esteem
- encouraging expression and participation in more withdrawn children
- fostering a sense of responsibility
- motivating pupils to think and to learn, as most children have a high level of natural interest in, enthusiasm for and enjoyment of animals
- encouraging respect and thereby improving pupils' relationships with each other, parents and teachers
- teaching children to nurture and respect life
- helping children build confidence in reading.

