



News and reminders

	PE Days	Library
Beech	Alternate Thursdays and every Friday	Friday
Birch	Every Monday and alternate Thursdays	Monday
Cedar	Alternate Wednesdays and every Friday	Friday
Cherry	Alternate Wednesdays and every Friday	Friday

In order to give the forest a break, there will be no Forest School for Year 1 and Year 2 during the first half of the Spring Term.

Children should come into school in their correct PE kit for PE days.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the Bierton P.E. hoodie, blue Bierton P.E. t-shirt and black leggings/joggers.

We would also like to remind everyone that due to health and safety, earrings need to be removed or taped for PE lessons. Unfortunately, we cannot help children to remove their earrings or put them back in.

Homework

Just a reminder that homework is set on a Friday and due by the end of the following Thursday.

The homework requirements in Year 1 and 2 are:

- Maths task to be completed on Purple Mash
- Spelling task to be completed on Purple Mash
- 15 minutes across the week on Numbots
- Daily reading; either phonics book and book bag book or Accelerated Reader book (complete at least one quiz on Accelerated Reader each week)
- Website for Accelerated Reader: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/educatorportal/entry?t=6703196>

Superstar Learners

Well done to these children who have received a certificate since our last newsletter:

	Beech	Birch	Cedar	Cherry
20th November	Joshua	Jack	Noor	Leo
27th November	Charlie	Hoorain	Milo	Charlie
4th December	Lottie	Bertie	Xavier	Toby

Highest number of coins on Numbots	Highest number on coins on TTRS (Year 2)	Class with the highest quiz average
Thanvi (Cedar)	Harry (Cherry)	Birch
Alexander (Birch)	Mabel C (Cedar)	Cedar
Jude (Beech)	Thanvi (Cedar)	Cherry

Diary dates

- **Tuesday 10th December (PM):** Messy church (both Year 1 and Year 2)
- **Friday 13th December:** Last day of after-school clubs for this term
- **Monday 16th December (9am):** Coffee Morning - Promoting a growth mindset for your child
- **Monday 16th December:** Classes performing for Senior Citizen Christmas Treat
- **Tuesday 17th December (after school):** Charity bake sale
- **Wednesday 18th December:** Hot Christmas lunch
- **Wednesday 18th December:** FOBs Disco
- **Thursday 19th December:** Christmas party day
- **Thursday 19th December (after school):** Christmas carols event
- **Friday 20th December:** Christingle Service
- **Friday 20th December:** School closes at 1pm
- **Monday 6th January:** Inset Day
- **Tuesday 7th January:** School opens for Spring Term

Literacy: In Literacy, we are continuing to use our phonics skills to write sentences. We have been learning about the elements of a sentence. We have started to look at the poem 'All About Me' and have been developing our rhyming skills.

Phonics: All the phonics groups have worked hard to develop their reading skills this term. We will be reassessing next week and setting groups for the Spring Term.

Maths: In maths, we have started to look at teen numbers. We have compared and order numbers. We have also been looking at ordinal numbers and describing the position of peoples and objects in a line. This has included using left and right.

Spanish: We have been learning about colours and numbers. The children really enjoy Spanish lessons and learning new words.

Humanities: We have been looking at the events of the Gunpowder Plot and have discussed how Guy Fawkes felt during the events. We have also started to compare how bonfire night is celebrated now to how it was celebrated in the past.

R.E.

We have been looking at the different ways God is represented in different faiths. We have been looking at the Islamic art, Hindu Gods and the Christmas story.

Science: We have been looking at the properties of different materials. We have been looking at materials which are opaque, translucent and transparent. We have made some stained-glass windows using translucent materials.

PSHE: We have been learning about healthy lifestyles and have focused on positive bedtime routines.



Literacy: We have our topic based on 'Meerkat Christmas' and used what we had learnt to write a letter. . We have since been focusing on poetry, where the children have learnt about rhyming and how we can use our body, face and gestures while performing a poem. We have also been completed numerous Free Writes to give the children the opportunity to get their imagination down on paper!

Phonics: We are glad to see lots of students progressing through the phonics groups and spending a lot more time reading and quizzing in class!

Maths: Our most recent topics in maths have been length and mass. The children have been learning how to compare different lengths and masses and have even started applying this to word problems.

Spanish: Our current topic is around nursery rhymes where children have been singing well known nursery rhymes in Spanish.

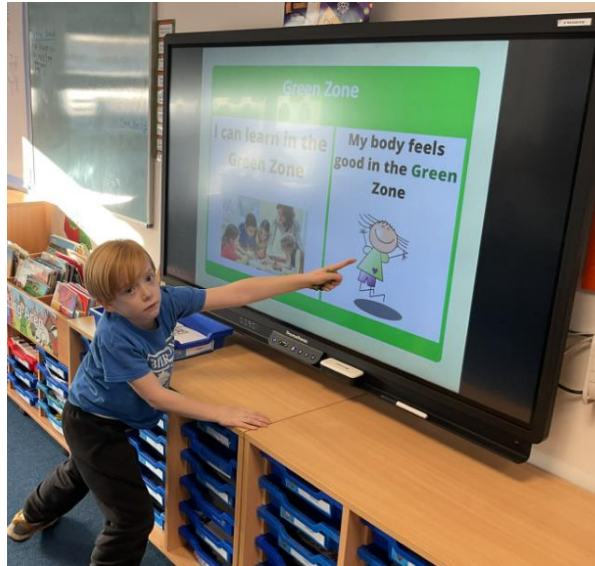
Humanities: We have continued to explore the topic of remembrance by learning about monuments. We will soon be visiting the local monument by the church to link this to our local history.

R.E.

Our current topic is learning how candles are used during different religious festivals. So far, we have learnt about Diwali, Advent and Hannukah. We even had a go at decorating our own Diya lamp. We are sure lots of children are currently enjoying advent as we count down to Christmas!

Science: We are now coming to the end of our topic on Materials. We have even been able to apply our learning to our DT topic where we are trying to use the correct materials and shapes to build a chair for a stuffed bear. While testing, we managed to stack 40 books and a brick on top of our circular, paper prism!

Music: We have been learning about orchestras and how different musical instruments can be grouped into 'families'. We have also been rehearsing our class Christmas songs which will be performed at the Christmas Senior Citizens Treat. Why not ask for a sneak preview of Nazareth (Cedar) and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer with signed Makaton (Cherry)?



Yesterday afternoon, the whole school wanted the Peter Pan pantomime. It was wonderful to see the children chuckling during the performance and singing along. Thank you to FOBs for funding this festive experience.



Peter Pan

