

Nursery, Alder and Ash Classes

News and reminders

Normal PE days:

Alder: Friday **Ash:** Tuesday

Forest School

Nursery Friday AM/PM alternative – we will remind you of the correct week on Friday round ups.

Alder Tuesday **Ash:** Monday

Children in Ash and Alder should come into school in their correct PE kit for PE and for Forest School.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the Berton P.E. hoodie, blue Berton 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. Children should only be wearing stud earrings and not hoops.

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Children are already losing things on the playground because items are not named.

All children should have a water bottle in school every day. We encourage the children to help themselves to their water throughout the day.

Superstar learners

Christian Values certificates Well done to these children who have received a weekly certificate:

Nursery: Zachary – Responsibility
Paige – Respect

Alder: Lizzie - Love

Ash: Skyla- Love

Diary dates

25th November – Parent Coffee Morning 9am– Supporting Your Child's Mental Health and Wellbeing – all are welcome!

5th December – School Panto Visit – provided by FOBS

6th December – EYFS Nativity 9am (Parentmail to follow with further details)

Topic

Our half term topic started with a bang, fizz and crackle! As we learned all about fireworks in the night sky. We read a story about a little hedgehog who was scared of the fireworks and talked about fire safety. We were very lucky to have a space VR visit and have been learning all about the planets in our solar system. The children have really enjoyed this week's story 'Whatever Next', helping Teddy get ready for a journey to the moon and thinking about what we might take.....someone said a tin of beans! We still have such an exciting term ahead of us learning about the differences between day and night, nocturnal animals and of course Christmas and The Nativity!

L4L (Lessons for life)

The children have used some time to revisit our zones of regulation, reminding ourselves at the start of term, how to label our emotions and what we can do to support them. Ask your child, if they can show some happy finger breathing, it really helps us back into the Green Zone. We also have been wearing our odd socks to celebrate that it is ok to be different and the children told us' respect means everyone joining in and being kind'.

Expressive Art and Design

Our role play corner has turned into a Hot Chocolate Café, the children have been serving up delicious treats to their friends...Mr Gadsby thinks that £10 is a bit steep for a hot chocolate but we told him it was Christmas prices in nursery and especially if you ask for pompom marshmallows!

We have thrown ourselves into some lovely art projects, the children made their own space rockets and used them for a whole afternoon of space adventure in the garden. We have also been using loose parts to make hedgehogs, did you know they have spikes everywhere to keep them safe?

Our whole topic board is transforming into an interpretation of Van Gogh's Starry Night, our artist of the half term. We can't wait to share the finished product with you, although in nursery it is always about the process!

Our learning in Nursery - photographs



Our learning in Reception

Topic

To start of our topic this term, we had an immersive virtual reality experience as we took a trip to space to meet the planets! We have also spent time learning about other important days in November, such as bonfire night where we have made wonderful firework art, Remembrance day as we coloured in poppies and Children in Need Day doing a sponsored activity as class! We will continue to explore space and the night sky, with a focus on the stars in the upcoming weeks.

Maths

In maths we have been learning about patterns and parts of objects. We then looked at how those parts can make a whole. We have been using the sentence 'My (arm) is a part of me and the whole of me is (name)'.
We have also been learning about the number 4. We have learnt the different ways to make 4 and used cubes to show different representations of 4. The children have also enjoyed making their own stampolines to show 4.

Literacy

This term we have introduced some fantastic books to the children linked to our night sky topic. So far we have read; Meet the Planets and Sparks in the Sky. The children have gathered some fantastic descriptive words for the planets, and fireworks so far, and some children are challenging themselves to write independently for the Friday Challenge!

Upcoming books include; Blast Off and Laura's Star. At the end of the month we will be writing our Christmas wish lists to Santa!



Our learning in Reception - photographs

