

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.

Library

This week the children in Ash and Alder visited the library for the first time. The children were able to take out a book to read for pleasure with you at home. Please return the book each week so we are able to change it. If the book is not returned, the children will not be able to change it.

Library days are:

Ash- Tuesday

Alder- Friday

Superstar learners

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

Nursery: Archie – Cooperation
Lakindu – Respect

Alder: Ezra - Honesty

Ash: Ruben- Honesty

Diary dates

17th March 2025 – Parents Coffee Morning, please do come, all are welcome.

Topic

Our Spring 2 topic is ' Exploring Our World' we have driven our jeep to the farm and forest so far!

The children read The Three Little Pigs and learned all about the other animals that live on a farm, we talked about healthy eating and the food produced on a farm. The big bad wolf was banished from the pig's house and made his way down to Grandma's cottage. We read Little Red Riding Hood and talked about being safe around people we don't know and listening to our parents when they give us instructions. Red wandered off the path, this was dangerous and got her and granny into trouble. The children learned about the other features of a forest, the different flora and fauna....

Next week we will be driving deep into the jungle, reading the story Giraffes Can't Dance!

Communication and Language

On top of all our other adventures this week , it has been Early Years Communication Week. The children had the opportunity to watch two live authors read and they taught us how to illustrate a story.

We joined the school in World Book Day, dressing up as heroes and villains, the children looked amazing and had such a lovely day.

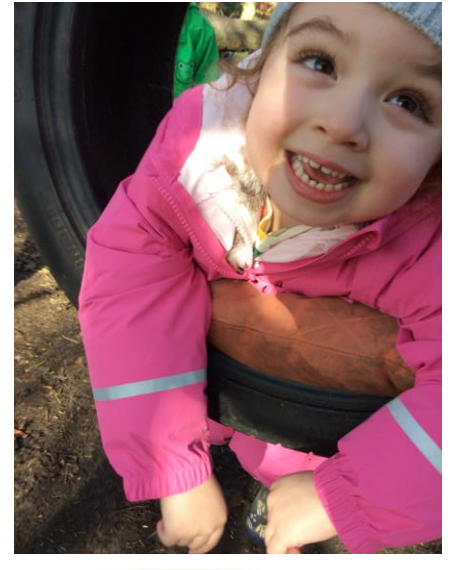
We invited parents in and had so much involvement in our morning and afternoon, reading with your child is the best way to improve speech, communication and a love of learning.

Forest School

Spring has finally sprung in the Forest, the children made butterflies to celebrate the start of new life....they looked for buds and flowers and even spotted a lovely new fence around the pond area. We can't wait to learn how to use this area in the near future.

This week in Forest, our lead Miss Huggins, made the children a story map hunt, the children had to use their maps to get to the woodcutter and tell him all about the wolf. We are arranging a parent forest school session, where you can come and see the lovely areas the children have to explore....watch this space!

Our learning in Nursery - photographs



Our learning in Reception

Topic

Our topic 'Exploring the World' this term has started with a strong focus of looking after and caring for the oceans and animals in the sea. The children have had some brilliant discussions around why this is important to them, and made some beautiful art work to demonstrate this.

As part of our Forest School fire safety learning we made pancakes on the fire for Shrove Tuesday. The children loved this fantastic enriching experience.

Literacy

In literacy we have been reading the stories 'If Sharks Disappeared' and 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley.' The books



Focus on the importance of saving our oceans through recycling and looking after our planet. The children have all enjoyed reading the stories and have written some wonderful independent sentences.

In phonics we continue to work on our sounds and read our phonics books. Please ensure that all phonics books come into school every day so we can change them when needed.

Maths

At the start of the term we spent time reminding ourselves of our number bond to 5 and chanting and singing numbers to 20.

The children have recently been learning what 5 needs to make 6,7, and 8. The children used the STEM sentence "5 and _ make _". Through the rest of the term we will move onto subitising larger numbers by 'finding the 5' and then onto looking at doubles within 10 before Easter.

Through our continuous provision, the children have constant access to maths learning to consolidate what we have done in class, and let them explore their own interests. Currently we are seeing how keen the children are to make their own numberblocks!



World Book Day

We have loved seeing all the costumes for world book day. We enjoyed talking about our favourite books and watching a very exciting assembly.

Our learning in Reception - photographs

