



News and reminders

PE days:

Year 3: Wednesday **Year 4:** Monday and Friday (Pine Class go swimming on a Monday)

Children should come into school in their correct PE kit. 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 Monday and is due by the following Monday.

The homework requirements in Year 3 and 4 are:

- Maths task to be completed on Purple Mash
- Spelling task to be completed on Purple Mash
- 30 minutes across the week on TTRockstars (split into 20 minutes garage and 10 minutes studio)
- 30 minutes across the week on Numbots
- Daily reading (complete at least one quiz on Accelerated Reader each week)
- Website for Accelerated Reader: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/educatorportal/entry?t=6703196>

Diary dates

- **Thursday 7th December:** Children watching Christmas Panto.
- **Friday 8th December:** Each class performing for our Senior Citizen event.
- **Monday 11th December:** Year 3 ukulele performance at 2:30pm.
- **Tuesday 12th December:** Hot Christmas lunch.
- **Wednesday 13th December:** Santa Run
- **Wednesday 13th December:** FOBS Christmas Disco (4:30pm - 5:30pm).
- **Monday 18th December:** Class Christmas parties
- **Tuesday 19th December:** Christingle service
- **Tuesday 19th December:** School closes at 1pm.

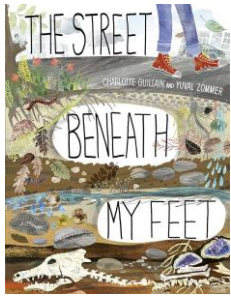
Superstar Learners in November

Well done to these children who have received a certificate:

	Hazel	Holly	Pear	Pine
10 th November	Arnas Responsibility			Molly Responsibility
24 th November	Amelle Responsibility	Lillie-Mae Responsibility		Xavi Respect
30 th November	Adbhyo Cooperation	Alex Responsibility	Eddie Honesty	Elsie Respect
Growth Mindset	Theo	Dynah	Elsie	Muhammad
Pen Licences	Abhyo Albert Carter Megan Mia	Joshua Mirthika	Ava Azaria Chloe Vidyut	

Highest number of coins on Numbots	Highest number of coins on TTRS	Highest number of quizzes passed
Youssef (Pine)	Elliott (Pine)	Hazel (329)
Adbhyo (Hazel)	Yousef (Pine)	Holly (263)
Finley (Holly)	Molly (Pine)	Pear (198)



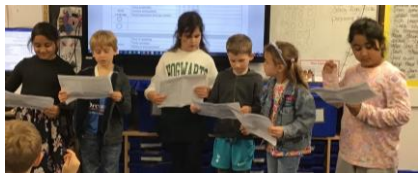


Literacy

This week, we have started our non-fiction unit based on 'The Street Beneath My Feet' by Charlotte Guillain. Throughout the unit, the children will practise applying a range of skills and combine this with their learning from our previous science unit (rocks and soils) to create an explanation text. Some of the skills they will be learning to use are: questions, exclamation sentences and synonyms.

Oracy

Once we finished our science unit about 'Rocks and Soils', we worked in groups to give an oracy presentation based on Roger the Rock.



We focused on the physical characteristics of oracy: pace, tone, clarity, voice projection, gesture and posture, and facial expression and eye contact.

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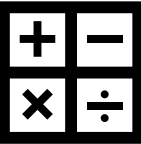
Over the next few weeks, we are going to be completing our cooking and nutrition DT unit - Eating Seasonally. This will involve us learning where we source our food from and which foods grow in the UK in the different seasons. We will taste some different foods and our learning will culminate in the children making a seasonal tart.



Maths

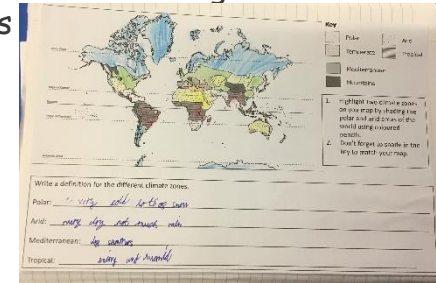
We are just finishing our chapter focused on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. This involved the children looking at the times tables, exploring relationships between them and solving a range of problems (number and word) based on multiplication and division. This learning will continue to be reinforced during our daily fluency sessions.

Next week, we will begin to learn how to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.



Humanities

Our humanities unit for this half term focuses on Climate Zones. We have started to learn about the different climate zones found throughout the world and how a place's location can affect its weather and climate.



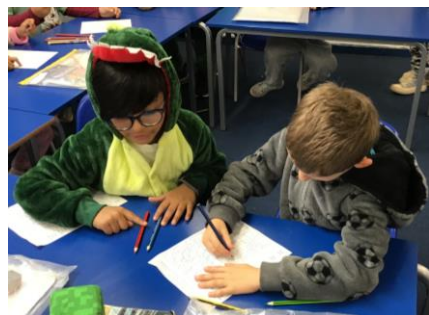
Pen Pals: We are in the process of writing our first letter to Tumanini School in Dzaleka, Malawi. We have watched some videos from their school's YouTube channel and then prepared a whole class letter. We have shared some information about our school and have asked questions about theirs. We can't wait to hear from them!

Spirituality

As part of Children in Need, we reflected on how we can support others around us. We considered the things (physical, material and social) we are fortunate to have and thought about how our actions can affect and help those around us.

Children in Need

This year's Children in Need was filled with a range of fundraising opportunities, including wearing spots or pyjamas and doing bear-pees. The day began with a whole school assembly and the children loved watching Mr Gabsby have a bear-pee challenge against our head boy. They were also thrilled when Mrs Vasku was chosen to play a game of 'Pudsey says...'



In Year 3, as well as completing bear-pees throughout the day, our maths and Spanish was linked to Children in Need and Pudsey. The children enjoyed colouring Pudsey and labelling the colours in Spanish.



Remembrance Day

In preparation for Remembrance Day, every child in the school created their own poppy, which then contributed to a whole school display outside the main school gates. It was wonderful to see the children reflect on the significance of this event.



Year 4 also lead an incredible and emotion Remembrance Ceremony for their parents and carers. The ceremony consisted of songs, prayers and poems. The children thoroughly enjoyed telling the stories of everyone who was on the front line and people who were at home and in different countries. What started off as a Remembrance Day for World War One has become so much more and Year 4 wanted to share as many stories as possible. It was beautiful to watch as the children sung with passion and empathy and delivered their lines with clear pronunciation as well. We hope everyone enjoyed their moving performance.

Literacy

Our learning this half-term continues to be around holiday brochures. We all want to go to Sicily for our holidays! In the next couple of weeks, we will be starting to research Rio de Janeiro (linked to our humanities unit on South America) so that we can create our own exciting holiday brochure and persuade everyone that this is another amazing place to visit!

Maths

We are continuing with multiplication and division facts, ensuring we know how fact families work. We will be moving onto looking at more complex multiplication such as multiplying three numbers together.

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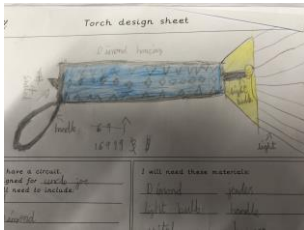
Our question this half term is, "What is Mary's role in the Christian faith?". We have been looking at different festivals that celebrate Mary and writing our own prayers.

Humanities

Our fieldwork this half-term, based on South America, is going to be looking at our paper usage throughout the school and the impact of this on the Amazon rainforest and the people of Brazil. We will be looking at paper wastage from each class and coming up with possible ideas on how to minimise our paper wastage.

DT

This half term, we have designed our own torches. We have had two briefs from potential clients to choose from and we are experts in creating circuits after our Electricity unit last half-term. We can't wait to start making these in the next couple of weeks...



Art

We are practicing how to create tone by tints and shades and even created our own Christmas decorations for the classrooms...



Music

In music we have been looking at music from South America. We have been using syncopated rhythms and working in groups to create a piece of music with four different beats going on at the same time - no mean feat! We have enjoyed listening to different styles of music such as the samba and even had some Strictly moves in the classroom!



Penpals

KS2 have teamed up with a refugee camp school in Malawi to become penpals! We were able to watch some videos about their school day - we particularly loved watching their assemblies marching to their amazing drum beats. We have written a class letter to send to them for Christmas and can't wait to hear back from them.

Rugby World Cup



On the 7th October 2023, Vidyut walked out as the mascot for England vs Samoa at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in France. This was a pivotal match for England and would determine whether they would qualify for the knockout stages. Vidyut was put forward by his rugby club, Tring. Vidyut had to relentlessly practise the national anthem to perform on the big stage at the Rugby World Cup. He even had to travel to the ground early to practice how he would be walking out! To walk out in front of 50,000 people must have been extremely daunting but he walked calmly and delivered a perfect rendition of the national anthem. Well done Vidyut! It was great to see you representing our country and our school!



Reading

Well done to Hazel and Molly (Pine Class) for becoming our first word half-millionaires! They have received their golden tickets! Good luck!



If your child has achieved something outside of school, we would love to hear about it and showcase it within our phase newsletter.

