

Nursery, Alder and Ash Classes Friday 26th January 2024

PE days:

Alder: Tuesday

News and reminders

Ash: Wednesday

Library days:

Alder: Monday

Ash:

Forest School

Nursery Monday morning: Next half term
Nursery Monday afternoon: This half term

Alder & Ash: Thursday

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 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.

Please note there are still, several hoodies which are unanmed in Ash Class. Labels do fall off so please check to see if they belong to your child.

Chatterbags

Please remember to return chatterbags, please do not worry if you have not had time to complete but we do need the bags for other children.

If you are waiting your turn please feel free to remind a member of the team.

Nursery – there will no chatterbags this term as we would like everyone to place a picture of their favourite food on Tapestry – please let us know where you need support OR your child can draw a picture of their favourite meal.

Superstar learners

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

Nursery: Joshua – Responsibility Elijah – Responsibility

Alder: Mihailo – co-operation

Ash: Noah M-Cooperation, Evie C – cooperation, Gabriella – Love,

Reading around the world:

Well done to these children who have achieved a certificate in our Reading around the Globe Challenge:

London:

Paris –

Rome -

Diary dates

2nd February – SEN coffee morning

2nd February – Reception – Scarecrow's Wedding – 2pm prompt start

2nd February – Reception – Open Classrooms – 2:45pm

2nd February – Reports will be sent out at 4pm

9th February – Break the Rules Day!

9th February – Break up for half term at 3:15pm

Topic

Our Diverse World topic has shown us that people have different families, different cultures, different characters but we are all so important and valued! We have read about a penguin who had two Daddies and learned all about the environment they lived in, whilst having some freezing weather ourselves! We still have one of our favourite themes to cover 'Diverse Feasts', we will be foods tasting, cooking and sharing ideas of our favourite meals with all our friends.

STEM

In science and maths we have been thinking about what makes things sink and float, the children came up with some incredible insights of their own and we put them to the test. Making boats out of different materials, seeing if they float and if they did, how long for! " something has to have air in to float" - Rhiannon. We have also been taking a first explore at our BeeBots ready to learn coding.

Expressive Art and Design

We have been quite Picasso's this term thinking about the features and exploring the beauty of diversity. We have created a nursery family tree to show our diverse families and this week we made some cultural jewellery. We also had to get creative to make bird feeders to encourage them to our garden for the birdwatch.

Understanding The World

Our children took part in the Big RPSB Birdwatch, we are very lucky to have such a range of birds in our area and see many red kites from our playground. It is really important to nurture a love of the outdoors and an early responsibility for taking care of the world around us. The children were super stars in their generation!

Our learning in Nursery - photographs



Our learning in Reception

Literacy

This term in literacy the children have explored a range of fiction and non fiction texts. We started the year learning about the 7 days of creation from our religious texts unit. The children used descriptive language in discussion and writing to describe the wonderful features of the world. We then moved onto a more animal themed unit, reading Elmer and I Wanna Iguana. For our Elmer unit we used a range of techniques to describe the elephants appearance, thoughts and feelings. Excitingly, for our book focus I Wanna Iguana, we learnt some persuasive writing techniques to persuade our adults to get us a pet!

Maths

We have continued developing our subitising skills and looking at the different ways that we can make numbers up to 5. We will be looking at the number 6 and 7 next week, focusing on how they are made up of '5 and a bit'.

We will also be looking at comparing quantities using the phrases 'I have more toys than you' and 'You have fewer toys than me'. It would be really helpful if you could reinforce fewer than at home, rather than less than.

Topic

We have been looking at our diverse world and in particular what makes us unique. We have been thinking about what we are good at and what we would like to get better at. We have also been looking at what makes some animals unique, such as elephants and lizards. We found out the difference between a crocodile and an alligator and that turtles swim but tortoises can't!

We know that Shrove Tuesday will take place in the half term break, but we intended to make some pancakes of our own when we return to school.

Homework

We hope you found the maths workshop helpful and are enjoying the activities to use at home. Please let us know if you are having any difficulties with the activities.

There will be no homework set over the half term holiday. However, we are posting a Spring Scavenger Hunt just for fun.

Forest School

We are very fortunate that, when we use Forest School, Mrs Inkley plans exciting activities linked to our curriculum. We have been using sticks for painting our Elmer pictures, using natural materials for subitising.

With the excessive rain, we have had a lot of fun, finding out where the water goes in Forest School. We have learned about what happens when it rains and the properties of mud. We did end up wearing rather a lot of it!

Our learning in Reception - photographs



OPAL –

We have so much fun learning at lunchtime, there are so many things to do and we get to meet new friends! The Reception class LSA's play outside with us so we always have a friendly face.

