

# Nursery, Alder and Ash Classes

## News and reminders

### Normal PE days:

**Alder:** Friday

**Ash:** Tuesday

### Forest School

**Nursery** Thursday 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 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. 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:** Mia – Respect

**Alder:** Charlie - Respect

**Ash:** Harry- Responsibility

## Diary dates

5th May 2025 – BANK HOLIDAY

7th May 2025 – Nursery School Trip

# Our learning in Nursery

## Topic

Our new topic is The Great Outdoors! We will be learning all about plants, minibeasts, seasons and hibernation. We started our topic with the theme of weather, reading The North Wind and The Sun. The children have been thinking about things change throughout the different seasons. We learned about condensation and evaporation; we will keep an eye on our weather bag to see if we can make rain in nursery. Next week we are learning about animals who hibernate and reading the story Goldilocks and The Three Bears. We have our exciting school trip and are hopeful to see some animals whom have come out of hibernation, but hopefully not a bear!

## Singing Hands and Makaton

Each week as part of our timetable the children explore some Makaton and songs with sign. Communication comes in many forms!

We try to keep this based around the theme and have been learning the Makaton for a range of weathers.

As a little taster, I thought you might like to watch the signs we have been learning.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t9Tt\\_JlYd8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t9Tt_JlYd8)

## Learning for Life

This term we will be focusing on age-appropriate life skills, setting the children up to be more independent and to take pride in their new found skills. This week's focus was to butter a piece of bread, so expect lots of help at breakfast time, next week we will be helping to do the washing up!





Our learning in Nursery - photographs



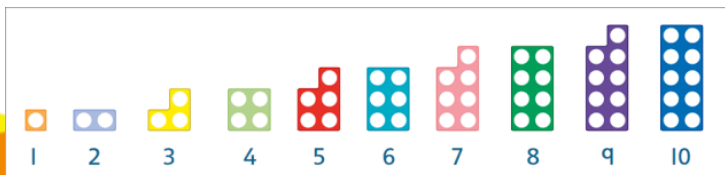
# Our learning in Reception

## Topic

This term is 'The Great Outdoors'. Through the term our selection of focus books will lead our discussion, learning and exploration. Very excitingly we have our own tadpoles in class, and we have been watching them grow. The children are confident in the life cycle of a tadpole through this experience.

## Maths

At the start of the term we have focused on odd and even numbers. We are so proud of how well the children have processed this tricky concept! We have used numicon to identify which numbers have 'flat tops' which are the even numbers, and the 'hat tops' which are the odd numbers. These are a great way to visualise how odd numbers have an additional part. We used our prior knowledge of doubles and equal groups to develop our understanding of what an 'even' number is.



## Literacy

Our first book this term is 'Tadpole's Promise' which is a wonderful love story between a tadpole and a caterpillar and follows the journey as they change into new animals! By having real tadpoles in class, the children have been particularly inspired and excited to challenge themselves to draw and write about tadpoles. As the term goes on we will be reading some beautiful books celebrating the great outdoors like Katie and the Sunflowers and Jack and the Jellybean Stalk.



## Learning for Life

In learning for life, we have been practising doing up our own buttons. The children were very resilient and persevered with doing up their buttons. Please continue to practise this skill at home.



# Our learning in Reception - photographs

