

Nursery, Alder and Ash Classes Friday 1st March 2024

News and reminders

Normal PE days:

Alder: Tuesday

Ash: Wednesday

Forest School

Nursery This half term Friday **afternoon**

Alder Thursday

Ash: Friday

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 –Chatterbags are now in cycle for this term's topic The Great Outdoors.

Superstar learners

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

Nursery: Reponsibility – Elijah Co-operation – Isla

Alder:

Ash: Love – Hattie, Responsibility – Daisy, Love – Ryder, Responsibility - Ivy

Reading around the world:

London: Isaac, Oscar, Evie V,

Paris – Max H, Noah B, Hattie, Evie C, Sophia, Clara, Jeremiah, Alexander, Daisy

Rome - Amelie, Gabriella, Sophia, Jack T, Alexander, Daisy, Emi, Frank, Hattie

Moscow – Ivy, Alexander, Daisy, Gabriella, Amelie

China – Emi, Ivy,

Cairo - Emi

Growth mindset – Ash – Emi Alder

Diary dates

Friday 8th March – Virtual author talk to all of Early Years.

Please see weekly roundup for details of signed copy of What is Black and White by John Kane

Tuesday 19th March – Nursery visit to Tiggywinkles

Wednesday 20th March – FOBS Disco

Wednesday 27th March – End of term – close early at 1pm

Topic – The Great Outdoors

So far this term, the children have been learning all about plants, following the book Rapunzel and learning how things grow. This week we have covered the story, The North Wind and The Sun learning about different weathers and increasing our language development around this. We still have minibeasts, pond life, hibernation and new life to cover in this broad topic about the The Great Outdoors. Next week we will focus on minibeasts, reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

STEM

In science we have been doing some weather experiments, thinking where rain comes from and making our own clouds. In maths we have been looking at number bonds from 1-5 using a rainbow pattern to help us think about the different ways to make 5. Next week we will be learning about symmetry and patterns in nature.

Expressive Art and Design

Our artist this term is Claude Monet, this children have already painted their interpretation of his famous works 'The Gardens of Giverny'. During our pond life topic, we will be looking at his, 'Waterlillies' painting and making a collaborative water colour masterpiece. Our role play has been a garden centre this term, we will continue to build upon this throughout term thinking about the things we might see on a garden centre visit.

Understanding The World

We got our garden Spring ready by planting some bulbs and weeding. We also delivered some bulbs to our community to think about the people that live around school and how they support us. We will be learning all about life cycles and using crafts and practical opportunities to cement this learning. We will also be visiting the Tiggywinkles centre to learn about the animals that live around us and how to care of them.

Our learning in Nursery - photographs



Our learning in Reception

Literacy

Each week we focus on a different book. This term we have had a range of fiction and non fiction texts. We started the term with 'Mr Wolfs Pancakes' where the children learnt the order of a recipe and then finished the week with writing their own recipes for pancakes. We also made our own pancakes following the recipe! We moved onto our traditional tale of the term, 'Sleeping Beauty'. The children explored some wonderful describing words for the enchanted forest that grew around the castle. We are progressing onto more sentence writing and becoming more independent using our Fred Fingers to spell.

Maths

We have been looking at comparing quantities this term, using the stem sentences

_____ has more than _____

_____ has fewer than _____

We have been looking at the number pattern from 1 to 8. We have been focussing on 2 is one more than 1 and so on. However, this week we have been looking at ALL the numbers that each number is bigger than. E.g. 7 is bigger than 6, 7 is bigger than 2, 4 is bigger than 1.

We will now be exploring the different ways we can make 7 and 8 so help build our understanding of number bonds to 10.

Topic

What a lovely start to our half term by making pancakes! We had fun with our very own pancake races too. It was also lovely to see the chinese lanterns the children made before half term, were used to decorate the lunch hall when we had a special Chinese New Year feast last Friday.

This week we have been looking at the work of the artist Steven Brown, We tried using some oil paints and a palette knife and made our own McCoo picture. Ash and Alder class worked together to produce a beautiful butterfly in the style of Steven Brown to display in our cloakroom.

New Member of Staff

We were delighted to welcome Miss Angel to the Reception Team. She has settled in really well and enjoying getting to know the children.

Homework

If you are having difficulties in accessing Purple Mash please let Mrs Moore know and she try to help you.

Forest School

We are very sad to lose our Forest School Leader, Mrs Inkley. However, we are delighted that Miss Huggins has taken on this role since half term. We have had lots of muddy fun in the forest including a search for pancake ingredients and playing on the mud slide.

Our learning in Reception - photographs

