Year 1 and Year 2: Beech, Birch, Cedar and Cherry

Friday 21st March 2025

News and reminders

	PE Days	Library
Beech	Thursday and Friday	Friday
Birch	Monday and Thursday	Monday
Cedar	Thursday and Friday	Friday
Cherry	Wednesday and Thursday	Friday

In order to give the forest a break, there will be no Forest School for Year 1 and Year 2 during the first half of the Spring Term.

Children should come into school in their correct PE kit for PE days.

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, earnings need to be removed or taped for PE lessons. Unfortunately, we cannot help children to remove their earnings or put them back in.

Homework

Just a reminder that homework is set on a Friday and due by the end of the following Thursday.

The homework requirements in Year 1 and 2 are:

- Maths task to be completed on Purple Mash
- Spelling task to be completed on Purple Mash
- 15 minutes across the week on Numbots
- 15 minutes across the week on Times Table Rock Stars (Year 2 only)
- Daily reading; either phonics book and book bag book or Accelerated Reader book (complete at least one quiz on Accelerated Reader each week)
- Website for Accelerated Reader: https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/educatorportal/entry?t=6703196

Superstar Learners

Well done to these children who have received a certificate since our last newsletter:

	Beech	Birch	Cedar	Cherry
19th March	Aaira	Emi	Mabel	Ariya

	Highest number of coins on Numbots	Highest number on coins on TTRS (Year 2)	Class with the highest quiz average
1st	Alexander (Birch)	Max (Beech)	Cedar and Cherry
2nd	Kacper (Beech)	Shanaaya S (Cherry)	Birch
3rd	Mihailo (Beech)	Thanvi (Cedar)	Beech

Diary dates

- Friday 28th March: Key Stage 1 Easter Performance (9am)
- · W/C Monday 31st March: Theme Week Speaking and Listening
- Tuesday 1st April: Eid Festival
- Wednesday 2nd April: EYFS and Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Final (9am)
- · Thursday 3rd April: Teaching Talons Workshop
- Thursday 3rd April: FOBS Disco
- · Friday 4th April: Speech Cup Final
- Friday 4th April: Easter Bonnet Parade
- Friday 4th April: School closes at 1pm

Literacy:

In Literacy this week we have started to look at the story "The Way Back Home" by Oliver Jeffers. We are focusing on writing clear, structured sentences using our best handwriting.

Learning for Life:

In our Learning for life lessons, we have been creating toolkits to support when we feel different emotions. We have been focusing on activities we can do to cheer ourselves up when we are feeling sad.

We have also been exploring ways we can manage our bodies when we feel angry.

Phonics:

The children are making amazing progress in reading. Next week will be assessment week, we will be seeing who is ready to move to the next phonics group after Easter. We know how much hard work goes into this at home. Thank you.

R.E.

In RE we have been looking at 'Who must care for the world?' We have been looking at the different things we can do to protect the world from harm.

Science:

In science we have been looking at the amazing mammals we call humans. We have been exploring our senses and the way our bodies work.

Maths:

In maths, we have been looking at word problems. We have been using our reading and understanding skills paired with our mathematical skills to answer word problems. Next, we will be moving on to multiplication.

Humanities:

In humanities, we have been looking at the countries of the UK. We have looked at the capital cities in each of these countries. We have been also been learning about physical and human features of these countries.

PSHE:

In PSHE, we have been looking at economic wellbeing. We have explored the importance of keeping money safe and the importance of the bank.

















Our learning

Literacy:

In Literacy this week we have started our new topic of diary writing. We have been reading diary entries of the Great Fire of London from the perspective of a London rat. Why not have a go at starting your own diary at home to keep track of what is happening each day?

Humanities:

In history, this term we are focusing on the Great Fire of London. So far, we have used different sources of evidence to learn how the fire started and why it spread so quickly. Next, we will next be learning what could have been done to slow the spread of the fire.

Maths:

We are just wrapping up our learning about 2D and 3D shapes. This includes counting the faces, surfaces, edges and vertices. We also learnt about nets and how they can be folded into 3D shapes. This week, we have begun learning about fractions.

R.E.

In R.E. we are looking at 'What is a Prophet?' This week, we have focused on Muhammad and investigating the important role of Muhammad in some Muslim stories and scriptures.

PSHE:

In PSHE, we have been looking at economic wellbeing. We have explored the importance of wants compared to needs. We have also learnt about bank cards: what they look like and how they work.

Spanish:

We have finished our learning about colours through different superheroes and have now moved on to En mi pueblo (In my town).

Music: During music, we have been practising our singing skills in preparation for our performance to the school and parents. We are slowly starting to get louder and now remember most of the words!

Learning for Life:

In our Learning for life lessons, we have been focusing on creating a calm toolkit to help us when we feel dysregulated. We have also focused on self-care and different ways of looking after ourselves.

Year 2

Our learning















