



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 Berton P.E. hoodie, blue Berton 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.

Superstar Learners

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

	Beech	Birch	Cedar	Cherry
22nd January	Kacper	Bertie	Amiyah	Lucy
29th January	Sienna	Harper	Scott	Evie
5th February	George	Ashleigh	Thanvi	Eden-Bly

Highest number of coins on Numbots	Highest number on coins on TTRS (Year 2)	Class with the highest quiz average
Alexander (Birch)	Mabel (Cherry)	Beech and Birch
Sienna (Beech)	Mabel (Cedar)	Chery
Amelie (Birch)	Shanaya (Cherry)	Cedar

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>

Diary dates

- **W/c Monday 10th February:** STEM Focus Week
- **Monday 10th February:** Coffee morning - supporting you child to build their resilience and self-esteem (all families welcome).
- **Friday 14th February:** FOBS Break the Rules Day
- **Monday 17th - Friday 21st February:** Half Term
- **Monday 24th February:** School opens for Spring Term 2

Literacy: In Literacy, we have been working on our presentation and ensuring we use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in our work. We have been exploring the differences between stories and poems. We have had a go at writing our own poem.

Phonics: We have assessed all the children this week. We are super proud of their phonics progress. You will hear next week which group your child will be in after half term.

Maths: In maths, we have been using a range of methods to add and subtract our teen numbers. We have just moved on to exploring shapes and measure.

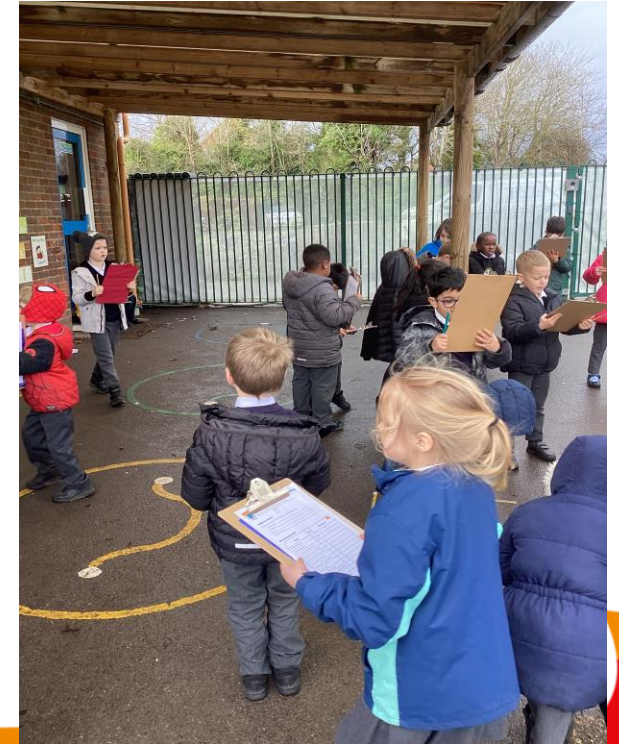
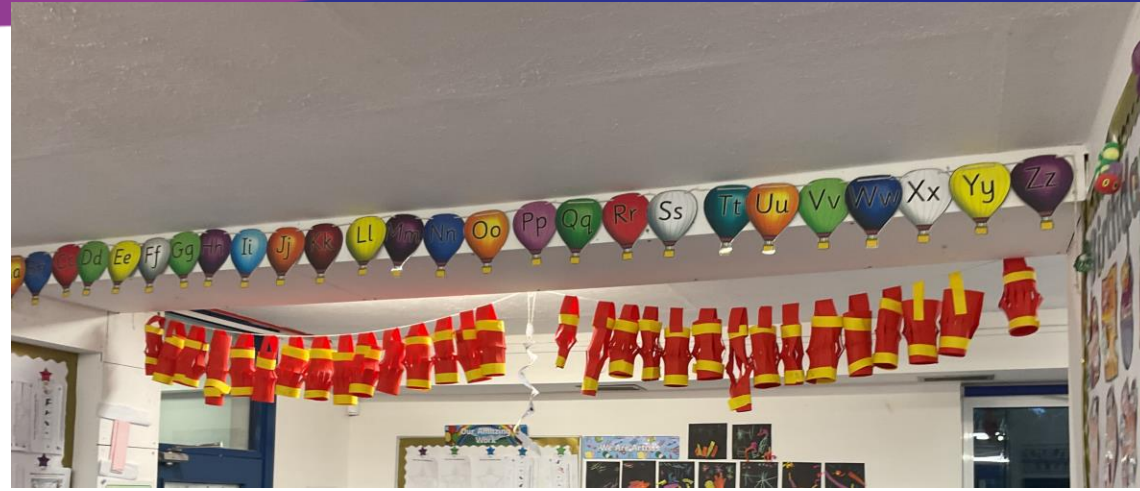
Learning for Life: In learning for Life, we have been looking at the learning pit and how we can use our resilience to grow our brains.

Humanities: In Humanities, we have been looking at the village of Bierton. We have looked at different urban and rural geographical features. We have looked at some landmarks of Bierton including the church, the well and the school. We have been on a walk around the village to explore the features. We have even made our own map of the village.

R.E. In RE, we have been exploring the question "What is God's Job?". We have been looking at what different religions believe God's job is.

Science: In Science, we have been looking at different types of animals. We have been grouping animals based on their features and looking at different habitats that animals live in.

PSHE: In PSHE, we have been exploring how we can look after ourselves and other people. We have explored how we can help animals and other people in families.



Literacy:

In Literacy, we have been working on our range of punctuation and how we use this within our work. Some of us have even tried to use speech marks within our written work. We have been so impressed with the amazing writing.

Phonics:

The children have been working really hard in phonics to progress their reading skills. The children who work with Mrs Rhodes and Mr N have now begun to develop their inference skills.

Maths:

We have been looking at money and how many pennies are in a pound. Watch out parents as the children have become pros and will soon be becoming your own personal financial advisors!

R.E.

In RE, we have been looking at special connections to God and what this means for different religions.

Humanities:

We have been looking at the differences between our country and Africa. We have looked at what happens in their schools, how they get water and survive off the land.

Science:

We have been looking at animals and life cycles in science and answering the age-old question: what came first, the chicken or the egg?

Spanish:

We have been learning our colours during our Superheroes topic, which the children have loved.

Phonics assessments:

We have assessed all the children this week. We are super proud of their phonics progress. You will hear next week which group your child will be in after half term.

Music:

We have been looking at West African call and response music which has worked well with our Humanities unit. We have really enjoyed learning different musical techniques.

