



News and reminders

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and we hope you all had a happy and healthy break over the summer holidays.

	PE Days	Forest School Day (alternative weeks)	Library
Beech	Alternate Thursdays and every Friday	Thursday	Friday
Birch	Every Monday and alternate Thursdays	Thursday	Monday
Cedar	Alternate Wednesdays and every Friday	Wednesday	Friday
Cherry	Alternate Wednesdays and every Friday	Wednesday	Friday

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

Please ensure that your child is wearing the Bierton P.E. hoodie, blue Bierton P.E. t-shirt and black leggings/joggers. On forest days please ensure your child has wellies and waterproofs.

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.

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
- 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
2nd October	Tallulah	Frank	Thanvi	Oscar
9th October	Indie	Kymani	Milo	Melanie

Highest number of coins on Numbots	Highest number on coins on TTRS (Year 2)	Class with the highest quiz average
Alexander (Birch)	Harry (Cherry)	Beech and Cherry (86%)
Suhansh (Cedar)	Toby (Cherry)	Cedar (77%)
Max (Beech)	Mealnie (Cherry)	



If your child has achieved something outside of school, we would love to hear about it and showcase it within our phase newsletter.

Diary dates

- **Friday 18th October:** Flu vaccinations
- **Friday 18th October:** FOBS Break the Rules Day
- **Monday 21st - Friday 25th October:** Black and Ethnic Minority Focus Week
- **Friday 25th October (2:45pm - 3:15pm):** Open Classrooms (parents/carers are invited in to view children's learning).
- **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November:** Half term

Literacy

Our focus book in Literacy has been Ruby's Worry. We have used adjectives and adverbs in our sentences and begun to use speech marks when writing dialogue.

Our next focus book is a non-fiction text - 'The Seasons'.

Humanities

We have learned about the life of Mary Anning and what a brave and hardworking person she was. We made a timeline and looked at key events in her life.

Science

We are continuing to learn about the different kinds of weather. We all enjoyed making our rain catchers and we've certainly had enough rain to make good use of them. We are going to be looking at seasons before half term and looking at the different types of weather associated with each season.

Phonics

The children have all settled well into our new phonics groups.

There will be another assessment before half term. We have regular helpers who listen to the children read in class to support their reading journey.

Spanish

We have been enjoying learning a Spanish song about sea creatures and how they move under the sea.

R.E.

We have been looking at the different creation stories from different religions and comparing them.

Maths

We have been looking at the vocabulary of 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. This week, we have been introducing whole/part models and this week's homework is a chance for the children to show what they have learnt.

Music

In music we have been looking at pulse and tempo. We used our bodies and instruments to respond to pieces of music with fast and slow speeds.



It was lovely to see so many adults at the Mastering Number workshop this morning. We hope you learnt some ways to support your child at home and we are sure that you are just as impressed as we are with their maths learning. Don't worry if you couldn't attend - the children completed the same activities with school-based adults and all of the resources will be shared via ParentMail.



Literacy:

In Literacy we have just begun our new topic all based on fairy tales. We are looking at the book Little Red Reading Hood and will create our own fairy tale based on this.

Maths:

We are now moving on to column subtraction and have made a great start with this. We are so proud of our classes.

Science:

We are currently looking at different materials and which materials are best to use when building bridges. We have even created some of our own.

Music:

We continue to make magical music and are so pleased of our singing and musical playing. Watch this space for the Easter Show. We have a great bunch of Little Ed Sheerans.

Humanities:

We are finishing our unit on Ludwig Guttman and are eagerly awaiting our workshop from the Guttman Foundation towards the end of term.

R.E.

We have been looking at different types of religions and why those religions use candles.

Spanish

We have continued to make great progress in Spanish and the children can now describe basic features of people. They are preparing to play Spanish games of Guess Who.

