



News and reminders

PE days:

Year 3: Tuesday **Year 4:** Monday (swimming or PE) and Friday

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

Homework

Just a reminder that homework is set on a Monday and is due by the following Monday.

The homework requirements in Year 3 and 4 are:

- Maths task to be completed on Purple Mash
- Spelling task to be completed on Purple Mash
- 30 minutes across the week on TTRockstars (split into 20 minutes garage and 10 minutes studio)
- 30 minutes across the week on Numbots
- Daily reading (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

- **Saturday 22nd June:** Summer Fair (at Bierton Sports Centre) - 11am - 3pm
- **Wednesday 26th June:** Year 4 Multi-Skills
- **Thursday 27th June:** Bikeability (for those children who have signed up).
- **Tuesday 2nd July (afternoon) and Wednesday 3rd July:** Transition afternoon / day
- **Thursday 4th July:** Author visit
- **Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th July:** Year 4 residential to Caldecotte
- **Monday 15th July:** Summer reports sent via ParentMail.
- **Thursday 18th July:** Summer disco

Superstar Learners

Well done to these children who have received a certificate:

	Hazel	Holly	Pear	Pine
24 th May	Riley Cooperation William Growth Mindset	Ina Responsibility		
14 th June	Abu Love	Liam Cooperation		

Highest number of coins on Numbots	Highest number of coins on TTRS	Highest number of quizzes passed
Alex (Pine)	Molly (Pine)	Pine
Corey (Pear)	Emilia (Pine)	Holly
Elliott (Pine)	Anaisha (Pine)	Hazel

Good luck to Emilia (Year 4) who is completing a 10k walk this weekend to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Well done to Eva (Year 3) who completed the Tour de Vale charity bike ride earlier this month!



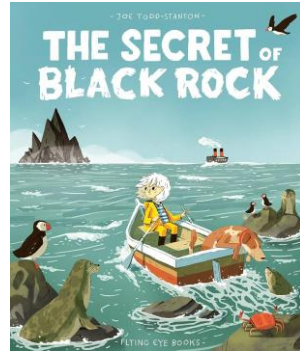
If your child has achieved something outside of school, we would love to hear about it and showcase it within our phase newsletter.



Literacy

At the start of the half term, the children practised using a range of literary skills when writing a narrative based on a short film - Blue Umbrella. This culminated this week with them writing their own end to the story. It has been great to see their confidence grow when using direct speech and varied vocabulary choices.

We have just started our new unit based on 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton. The children have already used precisely chosen time adverbials and subordinating conjunctions.



Science

We are learning about light this half term. The children began by creating their own dark boxes to explore light and dark. They subsequently used them to investigate light sources and reflective materials. This week, they have learnt about shadows.



Maths

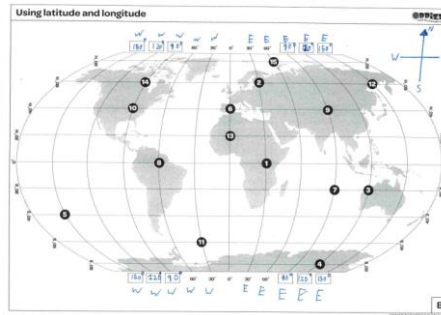
Over the past few weeks, we have been learning about fractions. This has been a challenge for some children but everyone has shown a growth mindset and thrived. We have compared fractions with the same denominator; compared fractions with the same numerator and have begun to add and subtract fractions.

The children have really benefited from using physical resources and visual representations to help their understanding.



Humanities

We are learning about North America this half term. We have located continents and oceans using longitude and latitude. We have also learnt about the different countries and some of the states in North America. In future weeks, we will be learning about the Rocky Mountains.



Number on the map	Latitude (degrees N or S)	Longitude (degrees E or W)	Continent or ocean
1	0°	0°	India
2	30° N	120° E	Europe
3	20° S	150° E	Oceania
4	40° N	100° W	North America
5	10° S	180°	Antarctica
6	50° N	0°	Europe
7	10° S	160° W	South America
8	0°	90° W	South America
9	10° S	130° E	Asia
10	40° S	170° W	South America
11	60° N	10° W	North America
12	10° S	150° W	South America
13	10° S	120° W	South America
14	0°	0°	Africa
15	30° N	10° W	North America
16	10° S	160° W	South America

RE

This half term, we are exploring the question, "What makes us human?" We have discussed our worldview and what may affect it. We have also considered what our soul may look like and reflected on our own views about what makes us human.



Spirituality

This week, we shared the letter received from our link school in Malawi. As their school has been damaged by floods, we have started to think of ways to raise money to support the repairs.

Humanities

The children have enjoyed learning about the Romans. It has been a very practical topic where we have been designing posters and presentations as well as reenacting parts of Roman formations.

Computing

This term, we have finished all our computing units. As a result we have been learning about 'AI'. Hearing the discussion around the children's understanding of AI has been very interesting to listen to as we use these every day now with Siri and Alexa.

Spirituality

The children have been enjoying RE, appreciating and respecting different views and beliefs throughout the world. They have been discussing the origins of different texts and suggesting why this is important to each individual.

Literacy

Over the past few weeks, we have been focusing on writing a non-fiction newspaper text about plastic pollution in the ocean. It has been fascinating to see the eye catching titles and gripping subheadings used to lure the reader in. The children have also had to use fact finding skills from the child friendly search engine 'Kiddle'. It has been important to maintain the factual nature of the article whilst ensuring they are using a range of techniques.

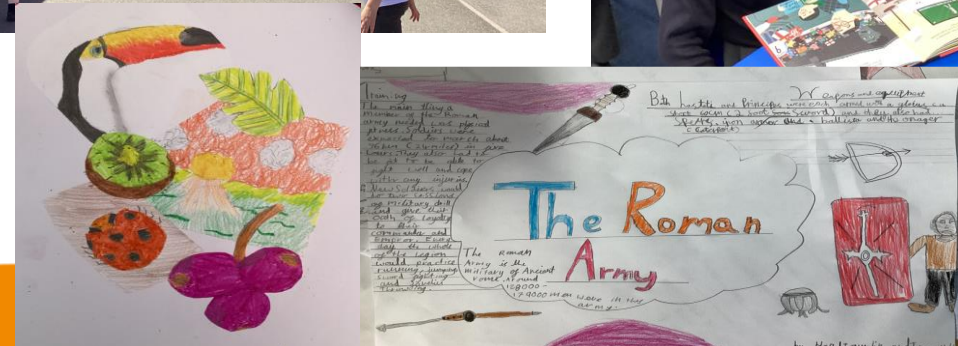
Science

Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning about animals including humans. We have also been learning about the digestive system and how digestion occurs in animals and humans. The children have really enjoyed the practical tasks throughout this.



Maths

This week, we have been learning about position and movement. We have been learning about how to correctly place coordinates. As well as change the position of shapes. Although we have finished learning about position and movement, we will revisit it in a few weeks during our review of the year.



Maths Week

Before half term, we celebrated maths week. The children enjoyed a range of activities, including an Imagination Gaming workshop. It was wonderful to see them work collaboratively when playing games and puzzles. They also had the opportunity to research a famous mathematician and create mathematical games to play with younger children. We would like to say thank you to the following people:

- The Griffin Trust for providing funding for all of the Imagination Gaming workshops.
- Mr Ball for delivering an engaging careers assembly about how maths is used within his job as an environmental hygienist.
- Mr Parker-Allotey for providing a fantastic mathematical activity for the Year 3 children to complete.



School Events

Sports Week

At the beginning of the half term, the children enjoyed a fantastic sports week. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 participated in exciting cricket and skipping sessions. They also trialled a range of different sports and physical activities during the come and try it morning.

