## Nursery, Alder and Ash Classes Friday, 24th May, 2024

## News and reminders

Normal PE days:

Alder: Tuesday

Ash: Wednesday

**Forest School** 

Nursery Friday AM session ( week 1)Monday AM session (week 2)Alder ThursdayAsh: 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. tshirt 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.

With the warmer weather we still require children to have their arms and legs. We may be blessed with good weather next term but there is always the chance of rain. If it has been reaining the day before our forest school day, it is still ikely to be muddy. Children will therefore need to have their waterproofs with them every week, just in case.

#### **Chatterbags**

**Nursery** – We have got a little out of synch with our Chatterbags please just add anything to Tapestry you would like to share before the end of term.

**Reception** – Chatterbags will be sent out in the new term for our topic – We are Explorers.

## Superstar learners

<u>Christian Values certificates</u> Well done to these children who have received a certificate:

Nursery: Reggie – Cooperation Heather - Responsibility Alder: Ash: Respect: Max, Love: Bertie, Responsibility: James & Noah B <u>Reading around the world:</u> London: Jessica, Emi(2) Paris: Emi(2) Rome: Clara, Harper, Noah B, Phoebe Moscow: Frank China: Alexander, Amelie, Ashleigh, Daisy, Gabriella Cairo: Sydney: Rio: Emi Growth mindset – Ash – Alder

#### Diary dates

w/b 4th June – Sports week – please see parent mail Friday 21st June – Reception trip to Mead Open Farm Monday 1st July – Reception vision checks Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July – Transition Days

## **Topic – Exploring Our World**

We really have explored our world this term, the children have been learning about different animals and environments from around the globe! We visited the Savannah this week and next week for our final theme we are off to the Arctic! The children will be playing in ice and snow and we hope the weather supports the opportunity to help us use it to cool down in our final week together before half term.

## **Expressive Art and Design**

We revisited our focus artist Henri Rousseau and made some lovely collage animals of the savannah. For our final craft of term we will make arctic sun catchers, the children will use their cutting and collage skills to build an Arctic scene to place in their window and imagine their self exploring!

## STEM

In maths the children have been subitising reading the story Ten Little Dots and looking at ways to make ten. They used stampers and dots to help cement this learning. We will be taking a look at early graphing next week and different ways to record things!

### Literacy

The children are making amazing progress in their Read Write Inc Phonics carpet times, we have been so impressed with how well the children are retaining the sounds. We have been practicing letter formation and next term concentrating on writing our name and for those that can already do it, blending and writing CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant).

# Our learning in Nursery - photographs











#### Literacy

Linked to our terms unit 'Exploring the World' we have read some fantastic stories including Rosies Walk, We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Noahs Ark. These stories have inspired the children to come up with fantastic vocabulary, and the children have been writing sentences each week. We are so proud of the care and effort the children have been putting into their written work! We have also seen the children become more confident in their story telling and acting during Helicopter stories. The stories they are telling are exciting and expressive!

#### Maths

This term we have been focussing on what numbers add together to make 10. We have also been looking at why our numbers make the same pattern. We've looked at how they are one more than the one before, one less that the next number, and what numbers are greater and smaller than each other.

Next week in Maths' Week, we will be exploring maths in art. Looking at artists such as Paul Klee, Kandinsky, Mondrian, Seurat and Van Gogh. We will explore shapes, thickness of lines, pointillism and colour. Next half term we will be recapping all of the early years maths curriculum to ensure that the children have the best possible start when they move up to year 1.

### Topic

We have been looking at things that grow and have planted different kinds of seeds and potatoes. We are looking forward to harvesting our potatoes when we return after half term.

We have also enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow and become chrysalises. It was very exciting waiting for them to emerge. Unfortunately, not all of our butterflies survived this process, and we

talked about why that might happen.

We bought our caterpillars from Insect Lore. They are painted lady butterflies and, according to the information they can fly 6 miles a day and will migrate to north Africa for the winter. We are looking out to see if the butterflies we released last year have come back to visit us.

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# Our learning in Reception - photographs

