

Nursery, Alder and Ash Classes Friday, December, 2023

News and reminders

PE days:

Nursery: Monday **Alder:** Tuesday **Ash:** Wednesday

Library days:

Nursery: Monday **Alder:** Monday **Ash:** Monday

Forest School

Nursery morning: Next half term **Nursery afternoon:** This half term
Alder & Ash: Thursday

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. 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.

Chatterbags

Please remember to return chatterbags, please do not worry if you have not had time to complete but we do need the bags for other children.

If you are waiting your turn please feel free to remind a member of the team.

Superstar learners

Christian Values certificates Well done to these children who have received a certificate:

Nursery: Rhiannon – Responsibility Sebastian – Responsibility

Alder: Kiaan – Love, Vihaan – Responsibility, Olivia – Respect, Rosie - Honesty

Ash: Frank – cooperation, Oscar – Responsibility, Harper - Respect

Reading around the world:

Well done to these children who have achieved a certificate in our Reading around the Globe Challenge:

London: Amelie, Daisy, Emi, Hattie, Ashleigh, Frank, Gabriella, Jeremiah, Noah & Harper

Paris – Emi, Gabriella, Frank

Rome - Ivy

Diary dates

6th December – EYFS Nativity

7th December – Xmas Panto visiting school for children.

8th December – Children performing to Senior Citizens

12th December – Christmas Lunch

18th December – Class Christmas Party

19th December – School closed 1pm

Topic

The Night Sky topic has been so fun to explore, we shot to space in our space dome, reading the story Whatever Next to support the learning. We revisited the topic last week and were blown away to hear our little voices remembering the names of so many planets, Mercury, Jupiter and so many more! The children then went on to learn about nocturnal animals, we read the story The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark and everyone took in turn to think about a word to describe the dark....magical, wonderful, exciting.....

STEM

For maths we have been looking at height and length and the children helped to order the class into order. We used the pipes outside to make ways for Incy Wincy to get down the short and long pipes. We then took part in our first experiment of the year, making predictions about how to keep Humpty Dumpty from breaking. We are super scientists in nursery!

Expressive Art and Design

We have been working on our Starry Night board all term, making sponge painted planets, junk modelling rockets and nocturnal owls to finish it off. We have also created our own headbands for The Nativity using metallic paints and glitter. We have of course been doing lots of singing and dancing in preparation for the play. For the rest of term we will be working on nativity scenes and lots of exciting Christmas crafts.

Understanding The World

We have engaged in so many wonderful activities this term, down in the forest. The children have been thinking about the change of weather and what this means for plants and trees around us. The leaves and fruits have all fallen and so we have been thinking about how we can help to feed the birds, with Mrs Inkley supporting us they have been well fed with cheerio bird feeders and apple seed doughnuts.

Our learning in Nursery - photographs



Our learning in Reception

Literacy

This term in literacy the children have explored a range of fiction and non fiction books. We have read, Sparks in the Sky, How to Catch a Star and a non fiction text about Penguins. The children have thoroughly enjoyed seeing what is in the magic bag at the beginning of the lesson to spark their creativity and then thinking of some fantastic descriptive vocabulary to write in their mark making books.

Maths

We have continued developing our subitising skills and looking at the different ways that we can make numbers up to 5. For the rest of this term we will be looking at shapes and using language such as sides, faces, vertices, curved, flat and straight. We will be learning that you can't pick up a 2 dimensional shape but you can pick up a piece of paper with a 2 dimensional shape on it. We will also be looking at 3 dimensional shapes

Forest School

The children have enjoyed exploring our Forest School this term. We have been looking at how the environment changes with the seasons. They were delighted to make some bird feeders to help our feathered friends when there was no food for them. We hope they show you how to do this at home with a box of Cheerios and some pipe cleaners. We have now finished Forest School this term but we will be back out there in the new year.

Topic

We have explored a range of topics in our afternoon sessions this term. We started off watching sparklers and talking about fire safety over bonfire night, then moved on to learning about Divali and the festival of lights. The children had the chance to design, make and test out their own rocket ships earlier in the month. They predicted what factors would make the rockets travel higher. Most excitingly, the children received a very special letter from Santa and had the opportunity to write a wish list letter back that we went to post.

Homework

The children will now be bringing home different reading materials from their phonics sessions. It is important that they read to you whatever they bring home from phonics. If they are on ditties, they should be bringing home 2 ditty sheets every time they have phonics. Please keep them with their yellow books so that we can use them when we listen to them in class.

We have lots of children who have received reading certificates this term and they really do treasure them. Please ensure you record when they read with you, in their yellow books.

We hope that you are finding it easy to navigate the homework on Purple Mash. If you have lost your child's login details, please let their teacher know and we will give you another copy.

Our learning in Reception - photographs

