

# Nursery, Alder and Ash Classes

## News and reminders

### Normal PE days:

**Alder:** Friday      **Ash:** Tuesday

### Forest School

**Nursery** Friday AM/PM alternative – we will remind you of the correct week on Friday round ups.

**Alder** Tuesday      **Ash:** Monday

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 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. Children should only be wearing stud earrings and not hoops.

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Children are already losing things on the playground because items are not named.

All children should have a water bottle in school every day. We encourage the children to help themselves to their water throughout the day.

## Superstar learners

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

**Nursery:** Arthur B – Responsibility  
Sofia – Respect

**Alder:** Isiah – Respect

**Ash:** Aithne- Responsibility

## Diary dates

**16th December** – Parent Coffee Morning – Promoting a Growth Mindset within Your Child

**18th December** – Hot Christmas Lunch – Reception

**19th December** – Xmas Party Day

**20th December** – School Closes 1pm

## **Festive Fun!**

**Our half term topic ' The Night Sky' is nearly at an end, we have been thinking about the bright star of our Nativity and hope that you were just as proud of our ' shining stars' as we are!**

**The children have been incredible, practising songs daily, waiting patiently as their friends danced and putting on performances in front of so many people, they really have let their own lights shine!**

**The last two weeks of term, we will be engaged in lots of festive fun, having a Christmas party, preparing mince pies for Santa, mixing reindeer food for Rudolph and the gang and making decorations for the tree.**

**In our last Forest school of term we will be enjoying some hot chocolate, just before we say goodbye to our Hot Chocolate Café role play. When we return after the Christmas break our new topic will be 'Our Diverse World' , we will be learning about different celebrations, families and cultures!**

# Our learning in Nursery - photographs



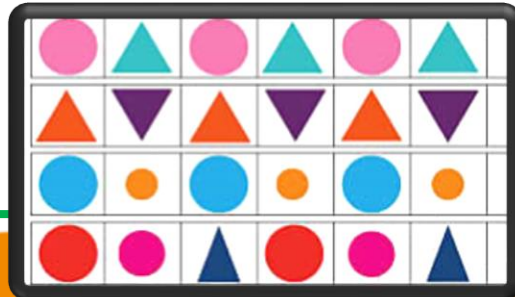
# Our learning in Reception

## Topic

Our Night Sky topic is almost at an end, and we have had a fantastic time learning all about the stars, planets and other things we might find in the sky! We have used shapes to create various rockets and made some lovely star artwork that we have put up on display. In the forest, we have explored the changing of the season. We have been learning tool skills and practicing fire safety and the importance of looking after the natural world!

## Maths

In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have been learning about the properties of the shapes, and we have been identifying shapes in our environment. We have also been learning about patterns. The children have loved creating their own patterns and learning how to use the classroom resources to make their own patterns.



## Literacy



For the last couple of weeks we have been reading fiction books about stars. We have read How to Catch a Star, Laura's Star and in the last week of term we will be reading Holy Night and the Little Star. The children have gathered some Grandma fantastic words to describe what the stars look like. The children have become more independent with their writing, and some are attempting to write sentences. Very excitingly, we received a letter from Santa, and responded to him with our own individual letters listing what we would like for Christmas. The children absolutely loved posting these! The children have been taking so much care with their hand writing, and we have seen such an improvement with their letter formation! We are continuing to work on writing our names independently, perhaps this is an activity you can practice at home over the Christmas holidays!



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