

## Early Years

Friday 16th September 2022

### News and Reminders

We have had a very exciting and busy start to the year. The children are working hard to learn all their new routines and follow the behaviour expectations. Most of our children are now confident to come into the classroom independently; this is fantastic!

Even though soft start is available until half term if you feel your child no longer needs you to support them in the mornings please feel free to leave them at an activity.

We have already had a number of jumpers and water bottles go 'missing'. Please make sure that everything is named, this way they should make their way back to us.

The children enjoyed their first forest school session this week. Please send your child in with a coat on and not their waterproofs. Children should come with an additional coat just in case the waterproof gets muddy and wet. Trainers or other suitable footwear should also be worn to school on forest school days.

### Homework

We will be sending home information about home learning activities each month in this newsletter. These will then be set on Purple Mash for you to complete with either a photograph, a video or you will also be able to complete some sheets on-line. Your child should bring home a login for Purple Mash today. Please login to complete the first homework activity.

Please read/share your child's book daily for at least 10 minutes; please sign the reading record diary after you have read with your child. Your child should bring home a reading book and reading record today.

Please also use the EYFS email address to communicate and questions and queries. The email address is [eyfs@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk). We will be checking the email regularly and we will reply to you as quickly as we can.

We will be using Tapestry to share observations of the children. You should receive one observation each Friday.

You should have received an email to join Tapestry, please make sure you do this to have access to all your child's observations. On Tapestry you are also able to upload your own videos/ photos for us to see and share with the class.

### Our Learning

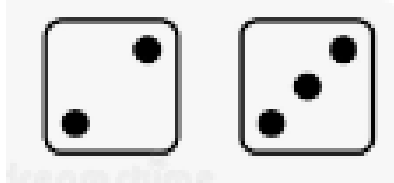
This half term our topics will be: All About me. We will also be learning about Harvest and how to keep our bodies healthy.

This week we have been reading the story of The Rainbow Fish. We have introduced new vocabulary to the children to describe the scales of the rainbow fish. The children have thought of their own words to describe the scales and we will be writing our words next week.

In phonics we have started learning our new sounds: **m**, **a**, **s**, **d**, **t**. We have taught the children how to say the sounds correctly and how to write the sounds using our Read Write Inc rhymes. If you would like to watch a video of how to pronounce our sounds please click on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q&t=53s>



In maths we have started the week by looking at the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been subitising by looking at different dot formations to represent the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and quickly saying what we can see. We have then discussed how we have seen the number and how we knew it was that number.



If you would like to learn more about how we teach maths and the importance of subitising please click on the link below:

### Superstar Learners

We would like to say well done to all the children this week. There have been a lot of changes and new information to take on board and the children have adapted incredibly well.

We are giving you all 5 Dojo points for being responsible at school this week.

### Diary Dates

**Forest School (please come into school wearing Forest School kit and bring spares):** Ash- Friday

Alder- Wednesday

**PE (please come in to school wearing PE kit):**

Ash: Wednesday

Alder: Thursday

**Library:**

Fortnightly

Ash class: Thursday

Alder class: Friday

Please remember to bring in your books so your child can change it.

**Forest School**

Ash will have Forest School on FRIDAY.

Alder will have Forest School on WEDNESDAY.

**Key dates**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - children break up for half-term  
(3:15pm)

Friday 21<sup>th</sup> October - Inset day in school