

## Year 1 and Year 2

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

### **News and Reminders**

#### **Assessment Week**

Last week in school it was assessment week. The children took some assessments in maths, phonics and reading to help inform our end of year assessment (which will be included on their reports). Once again the children showed a fantastic growth mindset by being focused and resilient during this time and we are very proud of their efforts in a year when they are less familiar with these type of assessments.

#### **Topic Week**

This week the children have been exploring their rainforest topic in greater detail. They have looked at the different layers of the rainforest considering what it looks like and what animals would be found there, compared the rainforest to where they live using Google Earth to identify physical features and considered the impact of deforestation. During our research we discovered an ethical search engine called Ecosia that dedicate their profits to planting trees and many children are determined to campaign for families to make the switch. Watch this space!

#### **Library Books**

Please could you make sure books are returned for Monday next week as this will be the last library session of the year. The library will be doing an audit in preparation for the new year. Many thanks.

#### **Teaching Talons workshop**

On Monday the children were treated to a 'Teaching Talons' workshop in school where they got up close with some furry and feathery creatures as well as a few creepy crawlies. We found out lots of information about rainforest creatures but the workshop leaders were also really impressed with our knowledge so far.

### **Transition days**

Next week the children will be spending Thursday and Friday with their new teachers and Teaching Assistants in their new classes. We understand that this can be an unsettling time for younger children but will do all we can to ensure the children go away feeling happy and confident about coming back after the summer break.

### **Book Appeal**

Thank you so much to the parents who have donated books so far. If anyone else is having a bit of a clear out and would like to send your pre-loved books our way, we'd be very grateful to receive them. Please label any donations 'KS1 playground books for Mr Glanney'.

### **Homework**

In Year 1 and 2, the children have daily reading, weekly spellings, fortnightly maths and fortnightly reading comprehension.

All homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and is due on the following Friday with the exception of spellings (see below).

Please note: spelling tests will take place on a Thursday and spelling books need to be in school on this day.

If you could prompt your children to check their Seesaw accounts for homework each week, we would be grateful.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July -**

Maths homework set and new spellings (unless still on previous spellings).

**Friday 9th July (last homework of the year)-**

Reading comprehension or research homework set and new spellings (unless still on previous spellings).

Alongside this, children can do extra tasks to boost their maths skills using 'Hit the button' and Numbots. Both are excellent for fluency and really help develop the children's quick recall of times tables and number facts. Please let us know if you have lost your child's login details.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

**Our Learning**



Layers of the rainforest in Beech class

### Christian Value Certificates

Congratulations to the following children for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks.

#### **Beech-**

25.6.21 - Ralph McHugh for RESPONSIBILITY. Ralph has really blown my socks off with the effort he has been putting into his writing and has been especially helpful by doing jobs around the classroom such as handing out books.

2.7.21 - Fletcher Edwards for RESPONSIBILITY. Fletcher has continued to nurture the class plants by watering them and they've sprouted from seeds into plants. He is always willing to do jobs around the classroom in addition to getting on with his own work. Fletcher showed responsibility with his writing this week by showing resilience even when he found some parts tricky. I have been really proud of Fletcher's effort this week. Well done!

#### **Birch-**

25.6.21 - Holly King for RESPONSIBILITY. Holly is always a great role model in the class. This week Mrs Pearce has been particularly impressed with Holly's writing.

2.7.21 - Jassie Shah for COOPERATION. Jassie has made so much progress in all areas of learning since she joined Bierton after lockdown but this week her

### Diary Dates

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition days. Children will spend these days with their new teacher.

**16<sup>th</sup> July:** reports to be sent out (via Parentmail).

**21<sup>st</sup> July:** Last day in school. Break-up at 1pm.

writing has been amazing.

**Blackthorn-**

25.6.21 - Sonny Harrison-Putman for LOVE. Sonny could get this award for any of the values because he is such a fantastic role model for them all but I have chosen love because he shows love in everything he does: through his kindness, energy and enthusiasm for life.

2.7.21 - Mia Leinweber for HONESTY. Mia has been really honest about her feelings and her approach to learning. Mia is a wonderful member of Blackthorn class and works really hard. She always produces to the best of her ability.