

Year 1 and Year 2

30th April 2021

News and Reminders

Welcome back!

We are so happy to see the children return to school after their Easter break and it has been great to see them so ready to learn for the term ahead. Occasionally, children may come into school distressed and need some reassurance but please rest assured, when this happens, they go back to their old happy selves within a short space of time.

Water bottles and coats

The weather can be tricky to predict at this time of year so please still send in the children with a coat for the time being unless it is a very warm day. Although the outdoor temperature may be warm, classes will be in shade for part of the day and with windows open it can still be a little chilly. Also, please can you remind the children to bring in their water bottles every day.

Run a Mile

Since starting last week the children have been taking part in 'Run a Mile' in school to encourage them to be active and give them a 'brain break' in the middle of the afternoon. Most school shoes are suitable for this as children are just running around the MUGA pitch for 10-15 minutes but if you would to drop in a pair of old trainers to keep in school, this would be fine. On PE and forest days children may not take part as they are already being active in another way.

Earth Day

Last week we celebrated 'Earth Day'. We discussed what this was and why it is important to appreciate and look after our world. We then used this as our inspiration in art to create trees, using our mixing skills to create colour and shape in the style of Kandinsky.

New topic - Significant Explorers.

We will be starting a brand new topic next week and learning about some significant explorers - some of whom are not as well-known as others but no less important. If you would like to research this at home we will be looking at Matthew Henson, Felicity Aston, Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

E-mail address

Just a reminder that if you wish to get in contact with us, you should use the email address:

KS1@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk. I know some of you may have previously used the EYFS e mail but parents of children in Beech, Birch and Blackthorn should use the above e mail address to avoid any unnecessary delays. Many thanks.

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.

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 30th April-

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

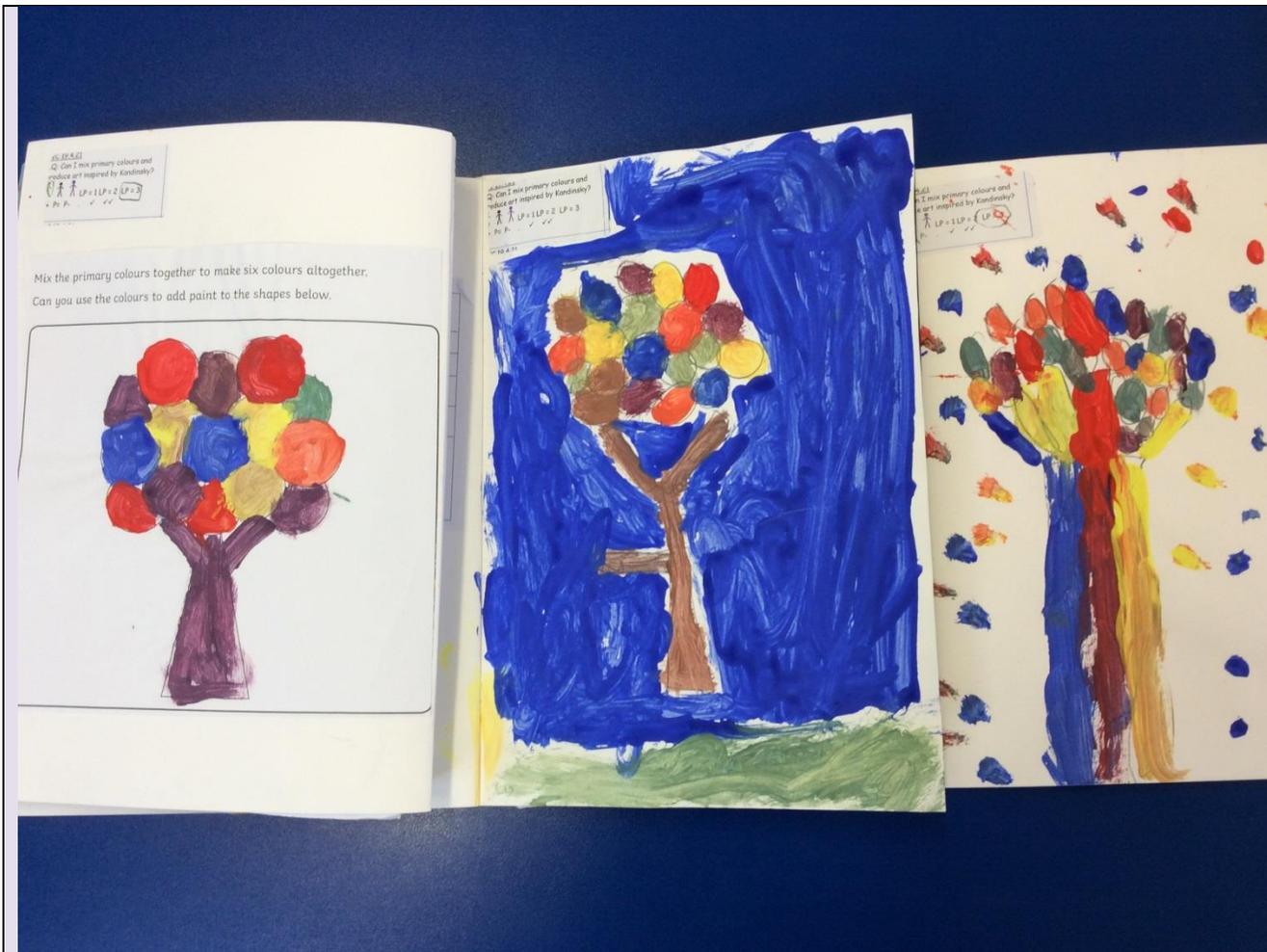
Friday 7th May-

Maths 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.

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

Our Learning



Earth Day art



One of our displays – a person made from individual people. We wrote down all the qualities we admire in each other.

Friday 23rd
Thursday 22nd April

LQ:- Can I add tens and one when regrouping is required?

🧑🏃 LP = 1 LP = 2 LP = 3 P+ (P-) P- . ✓ ✓

13 + 18 = 31 ✓

24 + 17 = 41 ✓

23 + 37 = 60 ✓

35 + 36 = 71 ✓

58 + 37 = 95 ✓

43 + 37 = 80 ✓

55 + 37 = 92 ✓

25 + 49 = 74 ✓

Monday 26th April

LQ:- Can I subtract when no regrouping is required?

🧑🏃 LP = 1 LP = 2 LP = 3 P+ (P-) P- . ✓ ✓

27 - 15 = 12 ✓

26 - 12 = 14 ✓

46 - 15 = 31 ✓

35 - 14 = 21 ✓

56 - 13 = 43 ✓

46 - 33 = 13 ✓

58 - 35 = 23 ✓

85 - 42 = 43 ✓

Some of our
maths work.



One of our
'Smiling
Minds'
meditation
sessions.



Roleplay in
Beech
class
(Fantastic
Mr Fox)
waiting for
Mr Fox to
come out
of his
hole...



Literacy and Topic

The children have continued with their Roald Dahl topic and are using 'Fantastic Mr Fox' to develop their writing skills. We have been focusing on our descriptive writing as well as knowing what makes a sentence (a complete idea) and checking to ensure we have capital letters and full-stops in the correct places. Some of us have even created a set of instructions (writing in role) on how to capture a pesky fox.

Maths:

Year 1 have been working on division by looking at sharing into equal groups and by using arrays. Year 2 have been recapping formal written methods for addition and subtraction - either the column method (with exchanging), using a number line or by drawing out our numbers using sticks and bricks. We are now applying these skills to worded problems.

Religious Education:

We have started this half term with our big question: 'Are some stories more important than others?' We recapped the bible stories we know then looked at the story of Noah's Ark and considered what the message was. We wrote questions for Noah and some children wrote a response. We also created our Bierton bird values display with art focusing on this half-term's value of 'Honesty'.

Science

We started our new topic of 'Seasonal Changes' by looking at what different seasons look like, how trees and nature look during this time and what effect this has on the clothes we choose to wear.

Social development

We continue to do half-hourly daily social development sessions every day at 9am. This is a valuable opportunity for children to settle into the day and gives them a chance to discuss issues such as friendship, their strengths and decision making. We have also been enjoying regular meditation sessions using the 'Smiling Minds' website.

Christian Value Certificates

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

Beech-

23.4.21 - Inaaya Khan for RESPONSIBILITY. Innayah has put in exceptional effort into her reading and worked really hard on it over the Easter break.

30.4.21 - Benson Obeten for RESPECT. Benson always remembers to use his manners. Eg: when he has antibacterial gel or snack this encourages others to use their manners too.

Birch-

23.4.21 - Nirah Shergill for RESPONSIBILITY. Nirah always gives 100% to her learning.

30.4.21 - Millie Pearce for COOPERATION. Millie has made a great start to her time at Bierton and taken her learning to the next level.

Blackthorn-

23.4.21 - Stephen Chingore for LOVE. Stephen is an

Diary Dates

Below are reminders of important PE and Forest school days. We will give further updates in our newsletter on 14th May.

Beech Class - Forest School Tuesday, PE Thursday.

Birch Class - Forest School Monday, PE Friday.

Blackthorn Class - Forest School Friday, PE Tuesday.

Please note, as before, children can come to school in PE and forest kit on these days.

Many thanks.

amazing role model for positivity, love and kindness. He is always cheerful and supportive to the children in his class.

30.4.21 - Mia Eley for HONESTY. Mia has been honest and open about her feelings recently and has worked hard to develop a positive mindset.

