

Beech, Birch and Blackthorn- 4th September 2020

Welcome back!

We are so excited to finally be back in school! We are excited to start our learning journey together this year. A huge welcome to our new children who have joined us and also to Miss Rawlins and Mrs Davey, who are new staff at the school. Welcome to the Bierton family! Below you will find some useful information.

Key Dates

P.E. lessons

Beech - Tuesday and Friday
Birch - Monday and Thursday
Blackthorn - Tuesday and Wednesday

On these days please can your child come in wearing their P.E. kit. Please remember that these lessons may be outside so please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing. For example, if it is cold children need to be wearing dark jogging bottoms and a plain P.E. jumper. Your child will then come home in their PE kit.

Forest School

Beech - Monday afternoon
Birch - Tuesday afternoon
Blackthorn - Friday afternoon

On these days, your child will come to school and arrive home from school wearing their Forest Kit. They can wear trainers/comfortable shoes and bring their wellies in a bag. Their wellies can then be left at school each week and this therefore means they don't have to wear wellies all day! Please make sure your child has appropriate warm, waterproof clothing for Forest School. The best thing to wear is a puddlesuit/all in one, but other clothing is ok as long as it is waterproof.

Library

The children will have the opportunity to visit the library once a fortnight on a Tuesday. This will begin on Tuesday 8th September.

Homework Expectations

• **Daily reading-**

Year 1s will be 'reading around the world'. Each time your child reads, you need to record how many minutes they have read for in their reading record. Each time they read, we total up the minutes and they get to move around the world! The more they read, the more countries they get to explore!

Year 2s will be using Accelerated Reader. From Year 2, you don't need to record their reading in a reading record. When your child has read a book, they tell their teacher and take a comprehension quiz. They earn words for every quiz they take and all classes have a reading incentive chart!

▪ **Maths task-**

Children will receive a fortnightly (alternating with comprehension) Maths task on Seesaw.

▪ **Comprehension task-**

Children will be set a fortnightly (alternating with Maths) Comprehension task on Seesaw.

▪ **Spellings-**

Children will be given a spelling ladder to learn. Year 1 will be expected to learn 5 words and Year 2 will be expected to learn 10 words. They will only be given the next ladder to learn once they get all of the spellings on the previous ladder correct.

All homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and due the following Friday. The first lot of homework will be set on Friday 11th September.

Please remember that we have subscriptions to Maths Shed, Numbots and Spelling Shed. These are all create resources to support your child in developing and securing their skills.

Our Learning

Maths: This year, we will be following the Maths No Problem approach to mathematics. Our first maths topic will focus on the place value. In addition to our maths sessions, we will also be having daily fluency sessions.

Literacy: Our Literacy learning will be based upon 'Fairytale'. Within our lessons, we will be having a treasure hunt to look for different objects that are linked to fairytales. We will be also be writing our own instructions and our own exciting fairytale stories! One of our Literacy sessions each week will be focused on reading comprehension. We will be learning all the skills needed to be super reading detectives! In addition to our daily Literacy lessons, we will be continuing to follow the RWI phonics programme. Books will come home with the children once we have reassessed them and allocated them to their new groups.

Science: Within our Science lessons, our topic will be 'Materials'. Throughout the topic, we will learn about why different materials are used for different purposes and we will also get to do lots of practical activities, such as designing a suitable house for the 3 little pigs!

R.E: Our question this half term is, 'Is everybody special?'. Throughout the unit we will be identifying things that are special to us, exploring special celebrations and thinking about how others can make us feel.

Further information and photos showcasing our learning will be in our next newsletter!

To volunteer to be a parent reader and for any other queries please email: ks1@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk