

Year 1 and Year 2

4th December 2020

News and Reminders

World Children's Day

On World Children's Day the children focused their attention on the problems of plastic pollution using the book 'Fish' by Brendan Kearney. They explored why plastic pollution was such a problem for our oceans and what could be done about it. It was fantastic to see how fired up and outraged the children were and some of their ideas will roll on to the new year when we set up our Eco Warriors.

Birthday Parties

Despite the fire alarm interrupting proceedings, the children in Key Stage One had a great time celebrating the birthdays of children born in September, October and November. We played a range of games and gave out little prizes to the winners, finishing with the obligatory disco! The dance-off in Blackthorn was particularly vigorous and extra water was ordered in to cool down the competitors!

Assessment week

The children have worked very hard this week on their reading and maths assessments and we have been really impressed with their focus and concentration. These contribute to the level that we will shortly be assessing them as but teachers obviously take into account how the children perform in class before making a judgement. You will receive more on this early in the new term.

Fruit snack

Children in KS1 are entitled to a fruit snack each day and this is provided by the school. Typically this will include bananas, satsumas, apples and pears. Please do not feel you have to send your child in with a fruit snack unless you would like to provide something different.

Topic week

Next week in school is 'Topic week' where we will be learning more about 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be looking at chronology and the order in which events happened, we will explore a significant person: Samuel Pepys and will also embark on a DT project where the children will make their own fire of London houses. **If you haven't done so already, please send your child in with a cereal box (nut free) that they can use to make their house.**

Christingles

As mentioned in Miss Martin's newsletter, please could you provide your child with a Christingle orange to be brought into school on 14th December in preparation for our virtual Christingle service in the final week of term.

Wellies in the final week

Though you may wish to keep wellies at home in preparation for the holidays, please could we ask that your child has wellies in school on the last week as we have some outdoor plans that these would be extremely useful for. We will, however, make sure wellies are sent home on our last full day - Thursday 17th December.

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 due on the following Friday.

Friday 4th December-

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

Friday 11th December-

Reading comprehension homework set and new spellings (unless still on previous spellings as explained). These will be the last spellings set before the Christmas holiday.

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

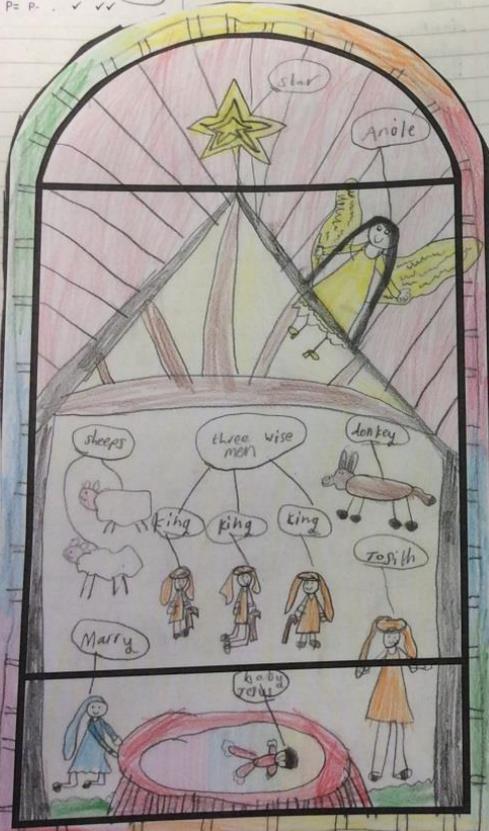


Celebrating
our birthdays!



Our display on plastic pollution

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Literacy and Topic

The children continue to explore our topic 'The Great Fire of London' through their literacy and art lessons. They have written some fantastic setting descriptions with a focus on sensory language (what they see, hear, smell and feel) and moved on to write a diary entry from the point of view of a character experiencing the dramatic events of the fire. In art the children have explored different shades of orange that might be seen in fire and painted their own 'great fire' scene in their art book using these skills.

Maths:

Year 1 continue to work on the values of the numbers between 11-20 as well as addition calculations up to 20. Year 2 have been exploring division through grouping and sharing and understanding the link between division and multiplication and how this can help you to check your answers.

Religious Education:

Over the last couple of weeks the children have been exploring our big question: 'Should we celebrate Harvest or Christmas?' We have compared Sukkot, the Jewish festival, with Harvest and explored the similarities and differences between these. We have also written invitations to Harvest or Christmas celebrations showing that these are important times of the year where we say thank-you for what we have. We then looked at the Christmas story and created our own stain glass windows depicting the important people from the story.

Christian Value Certificates

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

Beech- 27.11.20 - Dylan Westbrook for

Diary Dates

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out around the end of term: Friday 18th December where you will find updated diary dates.

RESPONSIBILITY. He has been working really hard and trying his best in all lessons, meaning he is making excellent progress. We are really proud of him.

4.12.20 - Gracie Brown for LOVE. Gracie is always so kind and caring towards the other children and she is such a wonderful addition to our class!

Birch-

27.11.20 - Alex for RESPONSIBILITY. Alex has shown an improved attitude towards learning and behaviour.

4.12.20 - Blake for RESPECT. Blake is an amazing class role model and a great friend.

Blackthorn-

27.11.20 - Maxwell Sullivan for RESPONSIBILITY. Maxwell has shown fantastic dedication on his learning but is also always really kind and helpful. A lovely boy to have in the class!

4.12.20 - Libby Sale for HONESTY. Libby has recently been honest enough to ask for help when needed so that she can get back on track. She is focused on her learning and is putting in a fantastic effort. Well done Libby!

Monday 7th December- Beech Class Forest School

Tuesday 8th December - Birch Class Forest School

Friday 11th December- Blackthorn Class Forest School

Please note as mentioned above, there will be no forest school in the final week but it would be great if the children could have wellies in school.

Many thanks.