

Year 1 and Year 2

19th March 2021

News and Reminders

Welcome back!

It has been fantastic to finally get back to school and see all the children again. Their laughter, smiles and enthusiasm has really brightened up the school which was too quiet for too long! Thanks once again for everything you did to support their learning during lockdown. Although there is work to do, we couldn't have asked for a better transition back to school and the children have been working really hard to settle back in and focus on their work.

Careers Day - keyworkers

On Tuesday 23rd March we are marking the anniversary of the original lockdown by hosting a Careers Day. Children have been invited to come in dressed as a keyworker (see separate e mail from Miss Martin). We will be talking about different keyworker jobs and why they are so important, thinking about the job we might like to do when we grow up and what subjects we might need to study to help us achieve this. We also have a live-link video call where we will get to speak to a doctor and ask them questions about their job.

Birthday parties are back!

We will be celebrating our March birthdays by having a class party in the last hour of Friday 26th March.

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. We aim to get back to you within 48 hours and in most cases sooner.

Homework

As our focus is well-being and supporting the children's social development, no formal homework tasks will be set until after Easter. The children can, however, choose from the tasks set on Seesaw and continue with their skipping challenges. We welcome any pictures of children attempting these challenges at home.

Our Learning

Literacy and Topic

The children continue to explore their current topic of 'The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl' and have been putting their imagination to the test by devising fiendish tricks to play on Mr and Mrs Twit. They have also spent time in the forest creating amazing Mr Twit beards (see pictures). We will continue to use 'The Twits' as our stimulus as we build up stamina for writing in class.

Maths:

Year 1 have been working on the place value of numbers to 40. Year 2 have been looking at money (coin and notes) and counting in different numbers to add up different amounts. As this is a particular skill, it would be great if you could practice counting and adding numbers of coins together when you get the chance.

Religious Education:

We have spent some time exploring this half-term's Christian value of Respect and thinking about what it means and how we can show this to each other at home and in the classroom. We then moved on to our big question of 'Should everyone Follow Jesus?' We talked about why people follow Jesus and explored different leaders in society today. We also looked at the

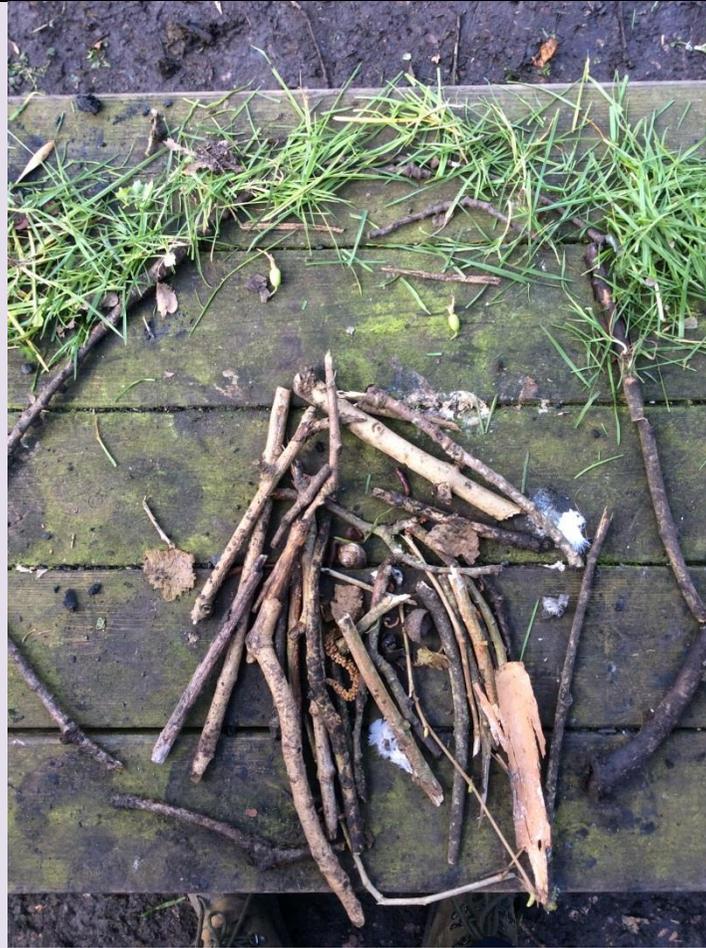
parable of 'The Good Samaritan' and considered how it teaches us to love each other regardless of our differences.

Social Development

This important area has been our focus since returning to school. We have dedicated time every day to allow the children to socialise in a structured way but also having a chance to talk and discuss how we are feeling. These sessions have been hugely popular and we have worked through a range of activities from discussions about friendship and 'where I fit in the world' to Mindfulness sessions and meditation using the 'Smiling Minds' website. Some children (and teachers) were so relaxed they almost fell asleep!

Active sessions

Each day we have ensured that we have an outdoor active session to give children a 'brain break' and allow them to socialise through playground games, develop their skipping and ball skills or undertaking tasks in the forest with a focus on teamwork.



Can you spot Mr Twit's face in these?



Amazing
skipping
challenges!



Using
resources to
help us with
our
counting.

Christian Value Certificates

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

Beech- 12.3.21 - Mahi Bans for showing LOVE to her friend. When she literally lost a tooth, she comforted her and helped her find it.

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: Thursday 1st April where you will find updated diary dates.

Tuesday 23rd March- Careers Day

19.3.21 - Rose Pond for RESPECT and being a beacon of respect in our classroom by always using manners and putting others before herself.

Birch-

12.3.21 - Kyden for RESPONSIBILITY. For coming back with a positive attitude.

19.3.21 - Grace - COOPERATION. For an amazing week in maths learning the tricky subject of money.

Blackthorn-

12.3.21 - Eva Davey for RESPONSIBILITY. Eva has come back to school really positively and ready to work and has already produced some amazing writing. Well done Eva!

19.3.21 - Elira Vasku for HONESTY. Elira has been honest with her feelings about school before and after she returned and worked really hard to stay positive. Elira has produced some fantastic work and is incredibly helpful!

Friday 26th March - Class birthday parties

WC 29th March - Science week in school

Thursday April 1st - Break up for Easter holidays (lunchtime).

Beech Class - Forest School Tuesday, PE Monday.

Birch Class - Forest School Thursday, PE Monday and Wednesday .

Blackthorn Class - Forest School Wednesday, PE Tuesday and Friday.

Many thanks.