

## Early Years

Friday 6.5.2022

### **News and Reminders**

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break as the children have all come back raring to learn. We carried out a phonics assessment and the children have been allocated to their phonics group for this half term. Some of them will be coming home with additional reading books linked to the work that they are doing in their phonics group. It is really important that this book is brought into school each day as this is the book they will be reading to an adult in class. For those children not yet at that point in their learning, they will continue to read with an adult in class but we will use the normal reading books for this.

#### **Spirituality**

Our value this half term is honesty and we have been learning about why it is important to tell the truth and be honest. Many of the children have already picked up on the importance of this value and are encouraging their friends to be honest too.

#### **Lunchboxes**

Please can you ensure that there are no nut products in packed lunches and treats are kept to a minimum. At Bierton, we promote healthy lunches and we therefore ask that chocolates and treats be kept to a minimum. Thank you for your support.

#### **School uniform**

Children should be wearing the correct school uniform at school every day. We have seen an increase of children wearing trainers to school or not coming into school wearing the correct uniform for PE. If you have any questions about school uniform please write them in the communication book, email or catch us at the end of the day.

#### **Hot weather**

Please make sure your child has a named hat and water bottle in school every day. Unfortunately, we don't have spare hats or water bottles in school to lend. As the weather gets warmer you may wish to bring in sun cream too. Please note that children will have to apply this themselves.

#### **Red, White and Blue Day**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our special day today to help us raise funds for the Jubilee Celebrations.

### **Tinkering Station**

If you have any old electronic devices, including remote controls could you please bring them in. We are encouraging the children to investigate these items, opening them up and exploring what is inside.

### **Junk Modelling**

Any recyclable boxes, tubes or cartons are always gratefully received as the children enjoy putting them to good use in our creative area.

### **Homework**

Literacy - The children should all have come home with some phonics homework today. This work differs between the different groups and is targeted for the areas that group is working on. If your child was absent they will receive it when they return to school.

Maths - We would like you all to spend at least 10 mins on NumBots this week. We have had some fantastic success with certificates for the Reception children and know the difference this activity can make on their understanding of number. There is also a new 'subitising' activity which is something that we talk about every day.

### **Our Learning**

We have had a very busy start to this half term. We have been reading the story of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and designing our own trolls. The children have been making their own bridges to help the goats cross over safely. This week we have been learning about our oceans and the sea creatures that live there. The children have been working hard to write their sentences independently. We have particularly enjoyed learning about the layers of the oceans and finding out what animals live at the bottom of our oceans. The children have also enjoyed predicting events for an online story and thinking about the events that could happen next. If you would like to take a look at the video the link is <https://www.literacyshed.com/catch-a-lot.html>

In maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of subitising and the number 6. We have been doubling our numbers and thinking about how to group numbers to subitise them. The children have blown us away with their knowledge of numbers and

how they can apply their knowledge to teen numbers! We are continuing to count beyond 20 and ensure that we are all confident counting our teen numbers.

### Superstar Learners

The Christian Values Awards so far this term are:

Alder: Poppy - Honesty  
Rebecca - Honesty  
Milan - Love

Ash: Micaiah - Honesty  
Alfie - Love

### Diary Dates

**Outdoor activities (please come into school wearing Forest School kit and bring spares):**

Ash- Tuesday

Alder- Tuesday

**PE (please come in to school wearing PE kit):**

**Earrings must be removed or taped**

Ash and Alder - Friday

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May- Dance workshop to take place in our PE session.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Jubilee picnic- parents invited to attend

Break for half term break - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 3:15pm







