

## Year 1 and Year 2

13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### News and Reminders

#### Thank You

As we approach the end of term, we wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers for all of your support over the last term. It feels like it has been a long one, but we are really proud of how hard the children are working and all of the progress they are making. Lots of things we do wouldn't be possible without parental support so we wanted to let you know we are very grateful! We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing Christmas, spending quality time with family and friends. We look forward to another fun-filled term in 2020.

#### Hey Ewe Performance

What can I say? The children absolutely blew us away with their enthusiasm during our nativity last week. It is hard to believe they are only 5, 6 and 7 years old! In our eyes, they are all shining stars and we are so proud of them! They all spoke clearly and confidently and the class dances were brilliant too! Well done everyone in EYFS and Key Stage One for making the show so incredible!

### Homework

In Year 1 and 2, the children have daily reading, weekly spellings, fortnightly maths and fortnightly reading comprehension.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December-** Maths homework due in and reading comprehension homework set.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December-** Spelling test (week 6 spellings).  
*Please note that no new spellings will be given out until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, however you are welcome to practise them beforehand if you would like to.*

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** Reading comprehension homework due in.

There will be no homework set over the Christmas holidays, as the children deserve a rest! The next piece of Maths homework will be handed out on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Week 1 and 2 Spring spellings are listed below.

### Children's Christmas Parties

The children will be having their class Christmas party on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. They have all been invited to bring in a 'festive snack' to enjoy at some point during the morning. They will have an exciting day planned, including dancing, singing and craft activities! They can also wear their own clothes but remember to wrap up warm!

### Christingles

Please can the children make sure they have brought in an orange to make their Christingle by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. At some point during that week, the children will be learning about what each part of the Christingle represents and then finally, we will light our Christingles during our whole school collective worship on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. It is always a really lovely assembly.

### Maths and Spelling Shed

Although we haven't set any homework over the Christmas holidays, we would encourage the children to have a go on Maths Shed or Spelling Shed if they want to continue to keep up their learning.

### Happy New Year

We will see you all back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Remember that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET Day.

### **Year 1 Spellings (7.1.20)**

right  
bright  
night  
light  
fright  
tight  
high  
I  
by  
my

### **Year 1 Spellings (14.1.20)**

car  
start  
arm  
park  
garden  
artist  
star  
are  
were  
our

### **Group 3 spellings (7.1.20)**

could  
people  
you  
will  
for

### **Group 3 spellings (14.1.20)**

back  
asked  
down  
make  
see

### **Year 2 Spellings (7.1.20)**

pencil  
fossil  
nostril  
pupil  
metal

### **Year 2 Spellings(14.1.20)**

cry  
fly  
dry  
try  
reply



pedal  
capital  
hospital  
animal  
oval

sly  
shy  
terrify  
sky  
multiply

### Our Learning

#### Thank you Mr Lander!

On Thursday Birch Class were lucky to be visited by Mr Lander who told us all about his time as a pilot in the RAF and his current job as an engineer and designer of aircraft parts. He then explained about his project restoring an old harrier aircraft and even brought in different parts from the aircraft for the children to hold and interact with. They also enjoyed trying on a very special RAF hat! Thank you so much to Mr Lander for giving up his time and for preparing a fantastic PowerPoint for the children to see as well as bringing in all the different aircraft parts. The children really enjoyed your time with us and some have even commented that they would like to build or fly planes when they are older.



### **Messy Church:**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Alder, Beech and Birch were all invited to St James' Church to take part in 'messy play' activities. We started off by making stars to hang on the Christmas tree out of straws and pipe cleaners. It was quite tricky to bend the pipe cleaners into a star shape, but the children showed lots of resilience! We then got a chance to make candle stain glass windows. We used tissue paper to cover the candle and we held them up to the light and watched them shine. It was finally our time to shine and we all had a go at singing and dancing to a song all about how great God is. We really enjoyed learning all of the dance moves and also meeting Reverend Dan, who will be coming in for some of our collective worship assemblies after Christmas. Thank you to all those from the Church who were involved in running the fun morning for us!



### **Forest School:**

We always have such fun at Forest School, however this week was even more fun! We all had the chance to roast marshmallows on the fire and enjoy a hot chocolate! Over the past few months, some of the activities we have done at Forest include decorating the Forest, making poppies, learning about different leaves and trees and so much more! Forest School sessions will resume on the first week back. Please remember to wear lots of layers and NOT leggings- trousers must be waterproof as we often get quite wet! Thank you to Mrs Inkley for making Forest School so enjoyable for us all!

**PE:**

The focus over the last half term has been dance. The children have worked hard to improve their dance skills and I am sure you will agree, these skills were really showcased during the Christmas nativity! After Christmas we will be moving onto gymnastics, where we will be preparing for our Inter-house gymnastics competition.

**Topic:**

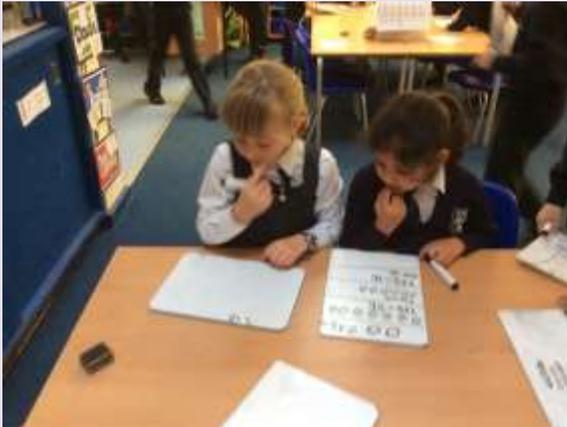
The children have thoroughly enjoyed their 'Remembrance' topic. They have wowed us with how engaged and inspired they have been with the Topic. Some of the questions the children have been asking have been really thoughtful and we have been blown away with their curiosity! After Christmas, our new Topic will be 'Blue Planet', where we will be learning about the 5 oceans in the world and who might live there. We will also be thinking about how we can look after our planet. If you or anyone you know has any interesting things to share about this Topic, or if you would like to come and do a talk with the children about this Topic, please see your child's class teacher. We always appreciate it when parents give up their time to come and chat to the children. They really enjoy learning from someone other than their class teacher! We will be having a Sparkle Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, where we will be launching our Topic with some fun and exciting activities!

**Literacy:**

In Literacy we have been reading a book called 'Stubby- a true story of friendship.' Stubby is a dog who goes off to war with the soldiers. While there, he uses his sense of smell to sniff out potential gas attacks and his sense of hearing to warn the soldiers if enemies were coming near. The children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing, including a description of Stubby the dog and a recount imagining they were Stubby. There is a film of this book, so if you find yourself with some spare time over the holidays, it is definitely worth a watch! It is a PG. The children have loved all of the books we have read since we started our Remembrance Topic and we can't wait to see some excellent pieces of writing during our new Topic. We will be starting our new Topic writing letters, before moving onto information texts about different sea creatures. Watch this space to see what we have been up to and also to see some of our amazing writing.

### Maths:

In Maths, we have finished our unit on addition and subtraction and now moved onto multiplication and shape. The children will be learning a few methods for multiplication, including using arrays. Vocabulary is a really important part of the Maths curriculum, so our children are being exposed to lots of mathematical language linked to each area. We have also been working in groups to solve problems.



### **Christian Value Certificates**

We are now celebrating children who have shown our Christian values by awarding them with Star of the Week in our Friday celebration assemblies. Congratulations to the following children for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last 2 weeks.

#### **Alder-**

13.12.19- Keeley has shown amazing RESPECT. Her

### **Diary Dates**

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, where you will find updated diary dates.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December-** Children's Christmas lunch.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December-** Senior Citizens Christmas treat.

behaviour has been really respectful and she always shows respect towards her peers and the classroom environment.

**Beech-**

13.12.19- Max has shown excellent RESPONSIBILITY as he has started to take a real pride in his learning. He has been contributing to class discussions and trying really hard.

**Birch-**

13.12.19- Marnie has shown LOVE for continuously praising and supporting children in the class and within the school.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-** Official opening of the new part of the school.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Class Christmas parties.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** Christingle Service. Break up for Christmas at 1pm.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January-** INSET Day- children are NOT in school.

**Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January-** Maths problem solving week.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January-** Children return to school.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January-** Birch Class Forest School.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January-** Alder Class Forest School.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January-** Beech Class Forest School.