

## Year 1 and Year 2

17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### News and Reminders

#### Happy New Year and Thank You!

It has been lovely to see all of the children after the Christmas holidays! We hope you all had a lovely break and the children are ready and refreshed for the exciting term ahead. We also wanted to say a huge 'Thank You' to you all for the lovely gifts we received for Christmas. It was so kind and thoughtful and very much appreciated.

#### Claydon House Trip

As you will have seen on Parent Mail, we have an exciting trip planned to Claydon House on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March to enhance our Florence Nightingale Topic. The payment has now gone live on Parent Mail so please remember to log on to make a contribution as soon as possible. Your payment is taken as consent for your child to attend. If you are available to help on the trip, please let your child's class teacher know. We will then contact you nearer the time if your help is needed. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

### Homework

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

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January-** Maths homework due in and reading comprehension homework set.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January-** Spelling test (week 2 spellings) and new spellings given out (week 3 spellings)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January-** Maths homework set and reading comprehension homework due in.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January-** Spelling test (week 3 spellings) and new spellings given out (week 4 spellings)

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January -** Maths homework due in and reading comprehension homework set.

Week 3 and 4 spellings are listed below.

### Parents Evening

Spring term Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30-5.30pm and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-7.00pm. If you would like to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please do this via Parent Mail.

### Welcome Miss James

Beech Class are lucky to have a trainee teacher joining them for 8 weeks. Miss James is from Oxford Brookes University. She has settled really quickly into life at Bierton and is looking forward to teaching lots of the children and getting to know them further.

### School Linking Project- Birch Class

Birch Class have been part of a project this year working alongside a class from another local school. They have been really enjoying this so far and are excited for their next visit. Their next meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and further information will follow shortly about this.

### Coffee Mornings

This year we have introduced fortnightly coffee mornings for parents. So far, they have proved very popular which has been great. Please see the diary dates section for the

### **Year 1 Spellings (20.1.20)**

better  
under  
summer  
winter  
sister  
rubber  
her  
term  
verb  
person

### **Year 1 Spellings (27.1.20)**

girl  
bird  
shirt  
first  
third  
turn  
hurt  
church  
burst  
burn

### **Group 3 spellings (20.1.20) Group 3 spellings (27.1.20)**

from  
with  
little  
if  
go

here  
saw  
went  
they  
my

### **Year 2 Spellings (20.1.20)**

flies  
tries  
replies  
copies  
babies

### **Year 2 Spellings(27.1.20)**

find  
mind  
behind  
old  
cold

upcoming coffee mornings for this half term. They are a great chance to find out some more information about a particular area of the school, in an informal way.

carries	gold
cries	hold
dries	told
marries	every
families	everybody

## Our Learning

### Sparkle Day:

We had a fantastic Sparkle Day this week to launch our exciting new topic, Blue Planet! We started off the day by doing a variety of different activities: Alder class made sea creatures out of clay, Beech class made rainbow fish by weaving paper and Birch class looked at different sea creatures and watched some Blue Planet live! We then all did a carousel of different activities. Firstly, we discovered the size of a whale! We had to all lie down on the playground and we measured how big a whale was and we were fascinated at their size! We then learnt about the 5 different oceans and what might be found there. We had a go at feeling around in Tuff trays and we had to guess which ocean we might be feeling. I think the ice cubes and the penguins feely tray was very obvious and the children couldn't believe how cold the Arctic ocean is! Finally we had a think about how different animals move and we had to move around pretending to be that animal! It was a really fun morning! In the afternoon we used our plastic bottles to make jellyfish! It was really tricky cutting the legs on the jellyfish and twirling the legs! The finished products looked fantastic! We had an amazing day and the children all seemed really engaged and excited to begin our new topic!





**Topic:**

Our new Topic for this half term is Blue Planet. We will be learning about the 5 oceans and what you might find in them. We will be exploring where these oceans are and why it is so important to look after our planet. We will be looking at recycling and the environment too.

**Literacy:**

In Literacy we will be reading a book called 'The Blue Whale'. We will be using Talk for Writing to write information texts about whales. We will then be moving onto a book called Dear Greenpeace.

**Maths:**

In Maths we will be continuing with our work on multiplication and division. We will be using arrays to help us with our multiplying and grouping and sharing to help us divide. Please see the maths coffee morning diary date for further information on how we teach these methods.

**Science:**

Our Science topic for this half term is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be looking at the life cycles of different animals and how animals change from young to old. It links really nicely to our Blue Planet topic!

**PE:**

Our PE unit for this half term is Gymnastics. We will all be busy preparing for our Inter-house gymnastics competition on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We will keep you updated with how we are getting on.

**Computing:**

Our Computing unit is called 'We are photographers'. We will be exploring how people take photos and how we can edit photos to make them even better.

### Maths and Problem Solving week:

For the first week back we had Maths and Problem solving week! The children came back to school last Tuesday and the week was launched with an exciting assembly. Throughout the week, the children took part in a variety of different activities related to Maths and problem solving. Each class had a daily 'Bar model' challenge, where they had to work in small groups to try and use a bar model to help solve a problem. They also took part in an inter-house fluency challenge, where they were given different numbers and they had to find the number bonds as quickly as they could. The children learnt about a special character called 'Captain Conjecture', who needs help to try and solve problems. The children all designed his trusty mascot and had fun trying to convince their teacher that they knew an answer was correct! Finally, the highlight of the week was on Friday, when the children got to participate in the Imagination Gaming session. Each class had a session where they got to try different board games which required Maths skills. Most of the children didn't even realise the games had Maths in them! It was fantastic to see them supporting and encouraging each other and showing some great mathematical reasoning skills. It was also great to see so many parents coming in after school to have a go at some of the games!



### 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-**

10.1.20- Marley for showing RESPECT to all adults and for using excellent manners within the classroom.

17.1.20- Effie has been showing COOPERATION by being a fantastic member of the class and helping her friends in their learning and doing jobs around the classroom.

#### **Beech-**

10.1.20- Mia for showing RESPECT. She always demonstrates huge respect towards her peers and adults, as well as within her work, always ensuring her presentation is of a high standard.

17.1.20- Mollie for showing RESPONSIBILITY. She is so grown up about her peanut allergy and it has been lovely to see her taking responsibility by sharing her experiences and the importance of her allergy with her class.

### Diary Dates

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out on Friday 31<sup>st</sup>, January where you will find updated diary dates.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January-** Birch Class Forest School.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January-** FOBS meeting at the Doghouse at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January-** Alder Year 1s Forest School.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January-** Beech Class Forest School.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9.00-10.00am-** School vision and values coffee morning hosted by Mr Glanney. All parents welcome.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January-** After school clubs start.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January-** Birch Class Forest School.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January-** Alder Year 1s Forest School.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January-** Beech Class Forest School.

**Birch-**

10.1.20- Henry for showing RESPECT at all times in class through his actions towards his peers and his teachers.

17.1.20- Skye for HONESTY and understanding the importance of being honest and trying really hard to focus on this since the Christmas holidays.

