

Year 1 and Year 2

18th September 2020

News and Reminders

The children have settled really well back into school. They have continued to work hard and impress us. Times have been very tricky and we appreciate it is difficult to catch your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions. Don't forget we have an email address for Beech, Birch and Blackthorn parents to use, which is accessed daily. The email is

ks1@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk

New spelling scheme

This year we have started a new spelling scheme. Each Friday your child will be coming home with spellings to learn (5 words in Year 1 and 10 words in Year 2). Your child will be tested on these words on a Friday. They will keep the same words until they get them all correct. They will then be given a new list to learn. This means that children in the class may be learning different spellings to each other. If your child remains on the same list for some time, we will discuss this with you and see how we can move forward. This scheme is designed to improve the children's accuracy and enable them to spell these words in their

Homework

PE Days

Beech Class- Tuesday and Friday

Birch Class- Monday and Thursday

Birch Class- Tuesday and Wednesday

Forest Days

Beech Class- Monday

Birch Class- Friday

Blackthorn Class- Tuesday

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 11th September-

Maths homework and spellings set.

writing.

Reading incentives

In Year 1, the children are 'reading around the world'. In their reading records, you need to record how many minutes they have read for at home. Their reading records will be checked each week and the time totalled up. They can then earn reading miles and certificates. In Year 2, most of the children are on Accelerated Reader. Each time they read a book, they do a quiz which tests their comprehension. They then earn words read and move around on their class chart. They can earn certificates too. Please remember they can do quizzes at home- these quizzes don't have to just be on their school reading book.

Snacks

The children no longer need to bring their own snack into school as we are providing them.

Friday 18th September-

Maths homework due in and spelling test.
Reading comprehension homework set and new spellings
(unless still on previous spellings as explained)

Friday 25th September-

Reading comprehension due in and spelling test.
Maths homework set and new spellings
(unless still on previous spellings as explained)

Friday 2nd October-

Maths homework due in and spelling test.
Reading comprehension due in and new spellings
(unless still on previous spellings as explained)

If you need a reminder of how to login to Seesaw, please email the KS1 team.

Our Learning

Literacy and Topic:

Our new Topic for this half term is Fabulous Fairytales. We will be looking at a variety of different stories. We have begun with Goldilocks and the 3 bears and Little Red Riding Hood. The children have been learning how to use adjectives (Year 1) and expanded noun phrases (Year 2) to describe the characters. We have already been impressed with their writing and most importantly, their efforts.

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LQ: Can I use expanded noun phrases?

LP=1 LP=2 LP=3
P. P. P. ✓ ✓

Little Red Riding Hood wore a brice, red dress. As she had flat, curly hair. And she was a little, cute, happy little girl and she was visiting her grandmother and her grandmother looked like a big version of Little Red Riding Hood but with a yellow, Butti-Fut dress. And Little Red Riding Hood started to get nicely. Unfortunately, her grandmother was sick so she put on her red as a rosey red cloak to go to her. It was red as a blazing red fire fireworks! Or red as the rising red sun in the morning. And she was wearing her red cloak and her brice, red hood!

Wow!
Amazing!



Maths:

We have started a new Maths scheme this year called 'Maths No Problem'. So far, the children are enjoying their lessons. We have a 30 minute focused input, then a break and then we have 30 minutes of independent work. The focus so far has been on numbers to 100 (Year 2) and numbers to 10 (Year 1). The children complete their Maths work in a workbook. We ensure we use lots of practical resources to really embed the fundamental mathematics skills.

PE:

Our first PE units are dance for our indoor PE sessions and 'attack, defend, shoot' for our outdoor PE sessions. Please remember that on PE days, the children need to come to school wearing their PE kits. Please remember to pack a sun hat and sun cream if it is a hot day (we have been lucky recently!) and also a water bottle.

Wellbeing:

One of our big focuses as a school this year is wellbeing. We feel, particularly at the moment in the current climate, that children's mental health and wellbeing is paramount to them achieving their full potential. We all know that an unhappy learner doesn't achieve as well as a happy one. For this reason, we have introduced a weekly wellbeing slot on all of our timetables. During these sessions, the children will be focusing on building their resilience. They will be doing things such as identifying safe spaces, thinking about how they are valued, looking at calming strategies, amongst other things. We hope the children will really enjoy these sessions and get a lot out of them.

Christian Value:

Our Christian Value for this half term is RESPONSIBILITY. The children are able to nominate other members of their class to receive good deeds slips and you can do this at home too by letting your child's class teacher know which value they have shown and why! Our Christian values are responsibility, love, cooperation, honesty and respect.

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. Mr Gadsby is recording these and then we are sharing them virtually with our classes! We will also put the link on Seesaw for you to watch with your child at home.

Congratulations to the following children for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last 2 weeks.

Beech-

11.9.20- Millie for showing RESPONSIBILITY. She has had a really positive start to Year 1 and has been working really hard and giving everything her best efforts.

18.9.20- Rocco for showing RESPONSIBILITY towards his learning. He has been working really hard, listening carefully and we have seen huge improvements in his pencil control.

Birch-

11.9.20- Ella-Rose for COOPERATION. She has been coming to school every day with a smile on her face and working so hard with her learning partner.

18.9.20- Louie for COOPERATION. He has been trying really hard and joining in with all class activities with a

Diary Dates

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out on Friday 2nd October where you will find updated diary dates.

Monday 21st September- Beech Class Forest School

Tuesday 22nd September- Birch Class Forest School

Friday 25th September- Blackthorn Class Forest School

Monday 28th September- Beech Class Forest School

Tuesday 29th September- Birch Class Forest School

Friday 2nd October- Blackthorn Class Forest School

smile on his face.

Blackthorn-

11.9.20- Ollie for showing RESPONSIBILITY. He has made a great start to the year and is trying hard to persevere with a task. He is starting to realise he can do it!

18.9.20- Freya for showing RESPONSIBILITY. She has been extremely helpful this week and always notices when something needs doing. She is also trying really hard with her work and is showing fantastic focus.