

Year 1 and Year 2

25th October 2019

News and Reminders

De Havilland

We really enjoyed our trip to De Havilland Aircraft museum last week. Below you will see some photos and be able to find out more about what we got up to during the day! Thank you so much to all the parents who accompanied us on the trip- your support is very much appreciated.

Spellings

After half term we will be creating a 3rd spelling group (named Group 3). This group will be focusing on high frequency words. We have decided to set up this group as some children are finding the weekly words tricky, despite learning them at home and trying really hard. You will be notified at Parents Evening if your child is going to be placed in this group. This group will be given 5 weekly spellings to learn at first.

RWI

After half term some of the children will be moving RWI groups. If your child is on the RWI programme, you should

Homework

In Year 1 and 2, the children have daily reading, weekly spellings, fortnightly maths and fortnightly reading comprehension. **NO HOMEWORK HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT OVER HALF TERM (FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER) however please encourage your child to read as much as possible during the holiday.**

Friday 25th October- Reading comprehension homework due in.

Tuesday 5th November (due to INSET day)- New spellings given out (week 1 spellings)

Friday 8th November- Maths homework set.

Monday 11th November- Spelling test (week 1 spellings). No new spellings will be given out this week (week 2 spellings)

Friday 15th November- Maths homework due in and reading comprehension homework set.

Week 1 and 2 spellings are listed below.

read the RWI book at home, as well as the school reading book if possible. We have been really impressed with how much some of the children are reading at home.

Spelling Shed and Maths Shed

As a school, we have purchased a subscription to Spelling Shed and Maths Shed. Your child will bring home an individual login which will give them access to a variety of activities. During the free-trial period, many children enjoyed trying to improve their scores and became quite competitive! We can't wait to see their motivation and enthusiasm continue.

In preparation for our new topic: Remembrance

As part of our new topic after half term, we are going to be focusing on remembrance. We would like the children to bring in a photograph of a special memory to them. It could be something that has happened in their life (e.g- a special family event) or it can be of a special person. We are going to create a 'memory wall' and use the photographs to inspire their writing so we would like to hold onto them for the half term if possible. It would be great if the children could bring their photo in when we come back after half term.

Year 1 Spellings (5.11.19)

rain
wait
train
paid
afraid
oil
join
coin
point
soil

Year 1 Spellings (11.11.19)

play
way
stay
today
says
boy
toy
enjoy
annoy
royal

Group 3 spellings (5.11.19)

the
a
to
said
in

Group 3 spellings (11.11.19)

and
that
not
look
put

Year 2 Spellings (5.11.19)

race
ice
cell
city
fancy

Year 2 Spellings(11.11.19)

badge
edge
dodge
bridge
fudge

Christmas Show- 'Hey Ewe'

The children in Year 2 will be coming home with some lines to learn for their exciting production. Please support your child in learning these off by heart. Year 1 children, Christmas dance information to follow shortly!

face
space
bicycle
circle
spicy

age
huge
change
charge
village

Our Learning

De Havilland Trip

We had an amazing day at De Havilland Museum. We were split into 6 groups and spent the day doing a variety of different activities. These included: trying on different gloves and guessing why we think they might have been used in the museum; sitting in the different aeroplanes; looking at some of the engines; dressing up as pilots; making paper aeroplanes and trying to see if they could fly, as well as many other exciting things. The children were fascinated with the different planes and how much aeroplanes have changed. It was lovely to see their faces light up with excitement when inside the aircrafts!



Celebration Afternoon

Thank you to all of the parents who came to celebrate the end of our 'Amy Johnson' Topic. The children enjoyed sharing their work with you and everything they have learnt during our topic!

What are we going to be up to after half term?

Anti-bullying week:

When we return to school, we will be having an anti-bullying week (Tuesday 5th November- Friday 8th November). During the week we will be learning about the different types of bullying and exploring the definition of bullying so that the children understand the difference between a fall out and a more serious incident. We will also be learning about the role of a bystander and highlighting the importance of speaking to someone if you feel you or someone you know is being bullied.

Topic:

Our new Topic is 'Remembrance'. We will be learning about Remembrance Day and why we remember people and things. We will be launching our Topic with a Sparkle Day on Friday 8th November. We have an exciting day planned, including creating time capsules. We are also hoping to go to the Church to look at the silhouettes of the soldiers who died in the war from Bierton. If you or anyone in your family has any links to the War or anything to do with remembrance, then we would love you to come in and chat to the children. Please let your child's class teacher know.

Maths:

We will continue our work on addition and subtraction by using practical resources and learning some formal written methods, such as using a number line, part-whole models and even the column method for some of our Year 2s! We will then be moving onto multiplication and division, which is a new concept in Year 1 and some consolidation for our Year 2s. Please remember that the children can use their Maths Shed Logins to practise their number bonds, times tables and much more in a fun, interactive way!

Literacy:

Our Literacy work will be linked to remembrance and memories. We will be focusing on some different children's books, such as VLAD and The Great War and The Christmas Truce. We will be writing descriptions, letters, diary entries, information texts and more. We will look forward to showing off some of this work during our next celebration afternoon. The children have really developed their writing stamina and we have been impressed with the quality and quantity of writing they are now producing!

Science:

In Science we will continue to explore materials and their properties, but we will now be doing some more practical activities and experiments. The aim will be for children to develop their 'working scientifically' skills, such as making predictions, deciding if a test is fair, drawing conclusions and collecting and recording results. We will share some photos of some of our science investigations in some of our upcoming fortnightly updates.

PE:

In the lead up to Christmas the Year 1s will be practising their dances ready for the Christmas production. Alder class will be dressed as angels for their dance and Beech class will be dressed as sheep. Costume letters will follow shortly after half term. Our Year 2s will be busy rehearsing for the acting part of our show. As well as this, we will be continuing with our 'Attack, Defend, Shoot' unit.

RE:

After half term our Christian value will be love. We have all decorated leaves symbolising what love means to us. These leaves have then formed the plumage for our Bierton Birds in each classroom. They all look beautiful! Our next big question will be, 'Should you wear religious symbols?' As part of this unit, we will be exploring some of the symbols that different religions wear and also the importance of these symbols. They will then discuss which symbols they like to wear and will have a go at designing a symbol which represents them.

Superstar Learners

These children have been chosen by their class teachers as being Superstar learners over the past 2 weeks. Here are the reasons why:

Alder-

Olivia has been supporting her peers with their learning which has been really lovely to see.

Ollie has shown a resilient attitude over the past week and he is trying his hardest to work independently.

Beech-

Elira is always focused and ready to learn. She always tries her hardest and is an excellent role model to the other children in the class.

Zak has really impressed me with his attitude towards his learning. He has been putting in so much effort and rising to challenges.

Birch-

Kavinuyan always makes good choices and is a super role model to the other children in the class.

Annabelle is extremely helpful and always notices when things need doing around the classroom without prompting

Diary Dates

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out on Friday 15th November, where you will find updated diary dates.

EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival at the Church 9.30am- Friday 25th October

School finishes for half term at 3.15pm- Friday 25th October

INSET DAY- School closed to children- Monday 4th November

Children return to school- Tuesday 5th November

Birch Forest School- Tuesday 5th November

Anti-bullying week- Tuesday 5th- Friday 8th November

Parents Evenings- Tuesday 5th November 3.30-5pm and Wednesday 6th November 3.30-7pm

Alder Forest School- Thursday 7th November

Beech Forest School- Friday 8th November

Well done to all our Superstar learners- we are very proud of you all ☺



Sparkle Day- Friday 8th November

Birch Forest School- Tuesday 12th November

Alder Forest School- Thursday 14th November

CineNight- Thursday 14th November

Beech Forest School- Friday 15th November