

## Year 1 and Year 2

31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

### News and Reminders

#### Spellings

Just a reminder to support your child in learning their weekly spellings. Some of the children are saying they haven't learnt them as they have left their spelling book at school. Please remember they are on this newsletter too so forgetting books shouldn't be a problem. Thank you, we really appreciate your support.

#### Arithmetic homework- Year 2 ONLY

As per the letter sent on Parent Mail last week, Year 2 children came home with an arithmetic paper for the first time. They will be getting one of these papers every fortnight. We appreciate that things are forever changing and that some of you have commented you are not sure you have shown your child the correct method. On Parents Evening we will be sharing our school calculation policy with you so you can see the methods we use and how you can support your child at home. Miss Mayer will also be holding a maths coffee morning on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, where she will be going over how we teach addition and subtraction so I would highly recommend attending!

### Homework

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

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

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February-** Spelling test (week 4 spellings) and new spellings given out (week 5 spellings)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February-** Maths homework set and reading comprehension homework due in.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February-** Spelling test (week 5 spellings)

**Please note that NO new spellings will be given out on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and NO homework will be set on**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February-** We would like the children to have a break over half term!

Week 5 spellings are listed below.

### **Turning Circle**

So far, the turning circle seems to have been very successful! It has been great to see so many parents using it. Please remember to remind your child to look both ways to check for the cars as some of them are so used to nothing turning into that area.

### **Inside Out Day**

Next week (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb-7<sup>th</sup> Feb) is Children's Mental Health week. An initiative has been launched this year called 'Inside Out day'. This calls for children and adults alike to wear an item of clothing 'inside out' as a way of making us all stop and think about how someone may look ok on the outside, but inside they may be feeling sad or worried. It is a day to remind us to always be kind and think of others as nobody knows how another person may be feeling. 'Inside Out Day' will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Your child is welcome to come to school wearing something 'inside out'. A letter explaining this in more detail will follow shortly.

### **Claydon House Trip**

We now have enough adults to help at this trip. Thank you if you volunteered and we will be taking all the people who have volunteered so far. We will let you know nearer to the time about more specific details. Please remember to

### **Year 1 Spellings (3.2.20)**

grander  
grandest  
fresher  
freshest  
quicker  
quickest  
slower  
slowest  
taller  
tallest

### **Group 3 spellings (3.2.20)**

day  
he  
on  
then  
got

### **Year 2 Spellings (3.2.20)**

copier  
copied  
happier  
happiest

make a payment for the trip on Parent Mail, if you haven't done so already. The children are really looking forward to it!

cried  
replied  
tried  
dried  
driest  
funnier

## Our Learning

### Literacy:

In Literacy we have been reading the book 'Big Blue Whale' by Nicola Davies. We have learnt lots of interesting facts about whales for example- they weigh as much as 25 elephants and they have baleen plates in their mouth! We then used 'Talk 4 Writing' to learn a model text all about 'Super Sealions'. Finally the children have produced their own information texts all about whales. They have worked really hard on this piece and they should all be really proud of it! A special mention must go to Sienna in Beech Class who spent a whole evening at BOSC writing her own version of an information text all about whales!

### Topic:

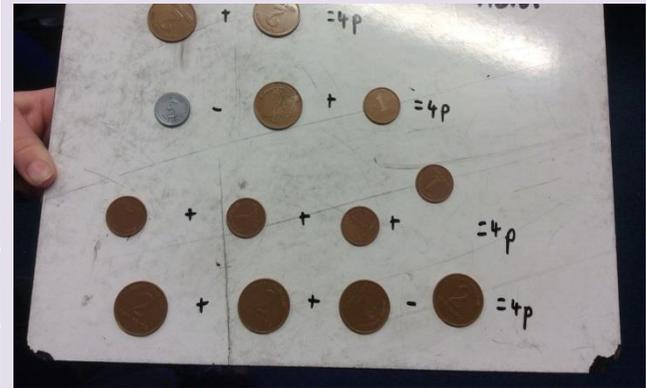
The children have thoroughly enjoyed our Blue Planet topic so far. We have been impressed with their thirst for learning and their engagement with the topic! They have been looking at how plastic can be harmful for our planet and the affect this has. They have also produced their own fact file about different sea creatures. They are excited to share their learning with you on our upcoming celebration afternoon.

### RE:

Our big question for this half term is 'Is it important to celebrate the New Year?' The children have thought about the different ways people might celebrate new year and they all thought of their own new year's resolutions. They have also started to become familiar with Baisakhi and Rosh Hashanah New Year. Our Christian Value for this half term is 'Cooperation' and we have been really impressed to see lots of our children working together and getting along.

### Maths:

In Alder and Beech, we have continued to work on our number skills, focusing on multiplication and division. We have been using arrays for multiplication and looking at sharing and grouping for division. In Birch, the children have been learning to tell the time. We have also all had a focus on basic fluency skills and therefore have been practising reciting our 2, 5 and 10 times table.



### Science:

This half term we have been looking at 'Animals including Humans'. We have looked at how animals have offspring which grows into adults, finding out the basic needs for survival and the importance of healthy eating, exercise and hygiene.

### PE:

We have continued to learn different Gymnastics moves to put into our Gymnastics routines. After half term the children will begin working with their partner to create their routine. So far we have focused on rolls, jumps and different ways of travelling.

### Computing:

The children have loved our unit 'we are photographers'. We have been learning how to take photos on an iPad and thinking about what skills we need to have to take a good photo. The children have experimented with taking different photos around the school and deciding what makes the photo a good one and being critical friends to each other, offering ways to improve photos they have taken. We have also started to look at how to edit photos too.

### 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-**

24.2.20- Hazel for showing RESPONSIBILITY. She was very grown up and helped another child in class when they needed it.

31.2.20- Libby has shown LOVE for supporting and helping another member of the class when they were not sure where to put their work.

#### **Beech-**

24.2.20- Harrison for showing RESPONSIBILITY towards his learning. He has been trying so hard with his writing and we have seen amazing progress over the last few weeks!

31.2.20- Neo for showing RESPONSIBILITY. He has been

### Diary Dates

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February where you will find updated diary dates.

**Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February-** Assessment week for Years 1 and 2.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February-** Birch Class Forest School

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February-** Alder Year 1s Forest School

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February-** Inside Out Day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February-** Cine Night

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February-** Beech Class Forest School

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February-** Maths coffee morning- all parents invited to attend.

working hard on his handwriting and is now producing so much more during a lesson!

**Birch-**

24.2.20- Dakota for always showing LOVE and thinking of others. He is very kind and considerate to everyone.

31.2.20- Zainab for showing RESPONSIBILITY for being so dedicated to her work and for showing such determination to succeed and improve.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Birch Class Forest School

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February- Alder Year 1s Forest School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February- Beech Class Forest School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February- Blue Planet Celebration Afternoon- parents invited to attend from 2.30pm.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February- Break up for half term at 3.15pm.