

Year 1 and Year 2

6th March 2020

News and Reminders

Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent's Evening last week. It is always great to share with you how well your child is doing and celebrate their effort. We hope you enjoyed looking through their books and found the information sheets we gave you useful. Please remember that if you have any queries or concerns, the best time to catch us is at the end of the day.

Christian Value for this half term

The children may have told you that our Christian Value for this half term is 'responsibility'. We have been discussing with the children how we can take responsibility for ourselves and other people and things. We have been really impressed with the children already demonstrating this value! Please continue to fill in the Good Deeds slips!

No Pens Wednesday!

Last week the children had a whole day where they didn't need to use pens! This was because they have all worked so hard showing one of our Christian Values 'love' and they

Homework

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

Friday 6th March- Maths homework due in and reading comprehension homework set.

Monday 9th March- Spelling test and new spellings given out.

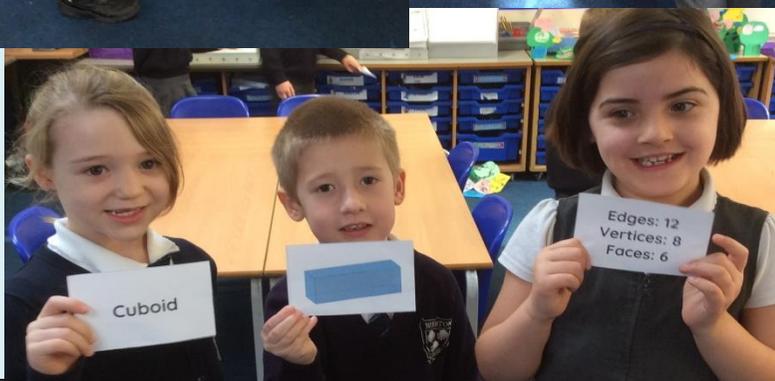
Friday 13th March- Maths homework set and reading comprehension homework due in.

Monday 16th March- Spelling test and new spellings given out.

Friday 20th March- Maths homework due in and reading comprehension homework set.

Spellings for the next 2 weeks are listed below.

managed to fill the entire jar up with *Good Deed* nominations! The teachers had to think carefully about what they could do in their lessons to avoid using pens! In Literacy, the children did some drama activities and in Maths, they had a go at problem solving tasks.



Mrs Bramley's group

Given out 2.3.20	Given out 9.3.20
Kent	made
sketch	came
kit	same
skin	take
frisky	safe
skill	date
risky	lake
kettle	these
kilt	theme
king	complete

Miss Smith's group

Given out 2.3.20	Given out 9.3.20
them	called
Mr	have
Mrs	are
make	one
be	so

Mr Glanney's group

Given out 2.3.20	Given out 9.3.20
patting	all
patted	ball
humming	call
hummed	walk



dropping	talk
dropped	always
sadder	small
saddest	wall
runner	fall
runny	altogether

Our Learning

Literacy:

In Literacy we have been reading a great book called 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. It is all about a plastic bag named Stanley, who ends up in the ocean. He gets swallowed by a whale and then spat out through its blowhole. Then he ends up in a seagull's mouth who spits him out and then finally in a turtle's mouth. A kind boy manages to save the turtle and then turns Stanley into a kite. The children have been so engrossed learning about plastic pollution. So much so, that they decided they didn't want to bring their packed lunches in a disposable bag on their recent trip! The children have worked so hard on their writing: they have written setting descriptions and character descriptions, but their final piece was a letter to humans, persuading them not to through their rubbish on the floor and to tell them to recycle! They are now excited to be reading a story linked to Florence Nightingale. We can't wait to see the work they produce!

Topic:

We have now started our new Topic- Florence Nightingale! This was kicked off during our visit to Claydon House. During this topic, we will be learning about Florence and her life and also finding out why she was such a significant individual. In addition, we will be thinking about how her actions have influenced the world today and the changes between medicine now and then. In Art, we will be posing like they did in the olden days (!) and copying these photos and drawing them in black and white! In DT, the children will be making lanterns like the one Florence used to use!

RE:

Our big question for this half term is 'Is Easter important for the church?' During this unit, the children will be exploring different symbols linked to Easter (for example, the cross, a bunny, chocolate etc) and why these symbols/objects are important and what they symbolise. They will also consider whether Easter influences anything that happens in a church and why. Finally, the children will have the opportunity to design an Easter egg that communicates the meaning of Easter for them.

Maths:

The children have continued to work hard during their Maths lessons. Alder class have been consolidating their place value skills through problem solving. Beech class have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, whilst Birch class have been consolidating their understanding of the 4 operations by solving worded problems. Miss Mayer, our Maths leader, will be holding a coffee morning focused on Multiplication and Division on Friday 13th March, where she will be sharing the methods we use to teach these areas and also provide you with some ideas to help at home. All welcome to attend!

Science:

In Science we will be learning about plants. We will be having a go at planting seeds and bulbs in different conditions and observing what we see. The children will be considering what plants need to grow and having a go at this themselves!

PE:

We are continuing to work on our Gymnastics routines for the inter-house competition coming up just before the Easter holidays. The children are working in pairs to come up with their own routine. Each class will hold their semi-final, where all children will be performing their routine to their class. The teacher and class will then decide which pairs are going to represent their class in front of the whole school in the final. It is always so tricky to make the decision! If your child is chosen, you will be invited to come and watch them in the final!

RE and Diversity Week:

The first week back after half term was RE and Diversity week. The week was jam-packed full of exciting and enriching experiences for the children! The week started off with a great Collective worship, where Reverend James was tossing pancakes and explaining the meaning of Shrove Tuesday in the Christian calendar! Some of the children even got to come to the front and have a go! The children absolutely loved bringing in something to share with the class about their own heritage/identity. We were blown away with some of the things the children shared and they are all, rightly, very proud of who they are, which was wonderful to see. We also learnt lots about each other through sharing things! Thank you also to all the parents who sent in Good Deeds slips for their children; they loved sharing some of the things they do at home and it was great to see our children showing their Christian Values at home. Alder, Beech and Birch were lucky enough to be invited to St James' Church during the week too. At the Church we had a tour of the building and Reverend Dan explained what lots of the things in the Church were and why they were so important. It was really interesting to learn about the history of the Church. We were also very lucky to have two visitors (Jeevan's daddy and Mr Singh) come in and talk to us about their religions. We learnt so much from them! The week was topped off with Pyjama day! The children loved coming to school in their pjs as a whole school reward (as well as no pens Wednesday) for filling up one of our Christian Value jars. We hope that they might be able to fill another one up before the end of the year!



Claydon House Trip:

Wow! What a fantastic trip we had to Claydon House (despite the freezing weather!). The day consisted of 3 activities. One of the activities was learning all about Florence Nightingale's life before and after the Crimean war. We had a tour of some of the house and even got to have a go sitting on her bed! We were intrigued to learn she was called Florence because she was born there and that her sister, Parthenope, was named this because she was born in Naples, which is the Greek name). The second activity was learning all about how Florence Nightingale helped people during the Crimean war. We got to dress up as nurses and soldiers. The soldiers had to lie on their beds and the nurses had to come and help make them better, by wrapping them in bandages and making them soup. We found it interesting that in those days, men were not allowed to be nurses and women were not allowed to be soldiers! Finally, the children had the chance to pretend they were soldiers on a battlefield. They got to dress up in some of the soldier's clothes and they learnt how to get their weapon ready for battle. They had a go at shooting at the enemy (the teachers) and they all found it hilarious when they managed to defeat the enemy!



Overall, we had a super day and learnt so much! Thank you to the wonderful parents who came with us 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 week.

Alder-

28.2.20- Ollie has shown RESPONSIBILITY towards his learning by working independently and being responsible to complete all his work.

Beech-

28.2.20- Safa has shown RESPECT by speaking so confidently during Diversity week about her religion, modelling excellent levels of respect to her peers.

Birch-

28.2.20- Amelia has shown RESPONSIBILITY because she has been really trying hard to dedicate time and effort to her reading.

Diary Dates

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out on Friday 20th March where you will find updated diary dates.

Tuesday 10th March- Birch Class Forest School

Thursday 12th March- Alder Year 1s Forest School

Friday 13th March- Beech Class Forest School

Friday 13th March- Maths coffee morning- all parents invited to attend.

Tuesday 17th March - Birch Class Forest School

Thursday 19th March- Alder Year 1s Forest School

Friday 20th March- Beech Class Forest School