

**PE days:****News and reminders****Hazel:** Monday and Wednesday**Holly:** Monday and Friday**Pear:** Monday and Friday**Pine:** Monday and Tuesday

Children from Pear and Pine who will be swimming this term will need to take their swim wear on Monday.

Children should come into school in their correct PE kit. Please ensure that your child is wearing the Bierton P.E. hoodie, blue Bierton P.E. t-shirt and black leggings/joggers. We would also like to remind everyone that due to health and safety earrings need to be removed or taped for PE lessons. Unfortunately, we cannot help children to remove their earrings or put them back in.

Library:

If your child has a library book at home please could they return it to school. They will then be able to get a new book in the new school year.

Homework

Just a reminder that homework is set on a Monday and is due by the following Monday.

The homework requirement in year 3/4 is:

- Maths task to be completed on Purple Mash
- 30 minutes across the week on TTRockstars (split into 3 x 10 minutes)
- 30 minutes across the week on Numbots
- Play at least 4 games on Spelling Shed
- Daily reading (complete at least one quiz on Accelerated Reader each week)
- Website for Accelerated Reader: <https://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196>

Spelling Tests:

Your child will be placed on a step depending on their previous spelling test results. Each step has 5 parts with up to 20 words (Step 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e). Each week a new part of the step will be released for them to practice on spelling shed. For example Week 1 – Step 5A, Week 2 – Step 5B and so on. At the end of the half term they will do a spelling test. They will be tested on 20 words from the 100 they have learned that half term. They need to get at least 18/20 if they are to move to the next step.

Superstar learners

Christian Values certificates Well done to these children who have received a certificate:

Hazel: Harvey – Co-operation

Holly: Dan- Respect

Pine: Lyle – Co-operation

Pear:

Highest number of coins on TTRockstars (over the past month)	Top score on Spelling Shed
Zaydaan – Holly Class	Gracie B – Hazel Class
Nefeli – Pine Class	David – Holly Class
Libby – Pear Class	Stephen – Pine Class

Diary dates

- Thursday 13th July: KS2 Disco 6:15 -7:15pm
- Friday 21st July - Last day of term children finish at 1pm

Literacy

We have started our final unit this week which is an explanation text. We will be writing about a robot dog, thinking about its wants and needs and how we can explain these to our reader. We started the unit by watching a video about a man and his dog and looking at the relationship that develops between them as they spend time together. <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3qxufi>



Maths

We have been exploring shapes both as 2D and 3D and recapping the names and properties of the different shapes. We are able to use our previous learning about angles to help to describe the properties of some of the shapes. This week we have been developing our understanding of area and perimeter and thinking about different ways that we can calculate it.

Spanish Day

Last week we celebrated Spanish day by dressing up in bright colours and exploring different parts of the Spanish culture in our classes. Throughout the day we completed different activities including flamenco dancing (using fans that we made) and creating our own portraits in the style of Picasso. We also created skulls associated with the 'Day of the Dead' festival and it was wonderful to look at the Spanish – English children's books that a child shared with Hazel Class.



R.E.

Our question this half term has been "Can made up stories tell the truth?" To explore this question we have been looking at different parables we have explored the messages that are hidden within them. We really enjoyed using drama to recreate the story of the good Samaritan.



Literacy

We completed our non-fiction unit based on the digestive system and are now focusing on writing a playscript. Our sentence stacking lessons are based on BBC Radio series about The Plague. We have had some experience days as well to help us learn what it was like to live during this time and looking at the symptoms of the plague to inspire our writing.

Music

This week we had a whole school music assembly where we learnt all about an orchestra and the roles of the different instruments. We talked about the families that different instruments fit into and how they all play together to create a final composition.

Maths

During our Position & Movement unit we learnt how to describe the positions of objects and figures and how to describe positions on grids using coordinates. We have begun to learn about the x and y axis, and built an understanding of how coordinates are written. We translated shapes using the terms 'left', 'right', 'upwards' and 'downwards'.

We have also covered Roman Numerals, learning to read and write Roman Numerals up to 100.

RE

During our RE unit 'Can made up stories tell the truth' we re-enacted the story of the Good Samaritan. We finished our unit with a debate on parables and whether they contain truths. We had to try to convince the others to join our side of the argument.