

Year 3 and 4

1st October 2021

News and Reminders

Super effort!

We have had a busy few weeks but the children have adapted to this and have impressed us all by adapting to changes to routines and their enthusiasm to their learning.

Harvest

The children are busily learning their harvest songs and we are hoping that we will be able to have a more 'normal' service this year at the church. Obviously, this would have to be cancelled should the number of Covid cases in school increase, as we have seen them do recently. We have added the songs to Seesaw if your child would like to practise the songs at home. Dates for the performance are detailed below in 'Diary Dates'.

Weather change

As the weather is on the change, please could you ensure that the children are sent into school with a raincoat as rain showers are becoming more common. Also, please bear in mind that the classrooms are still well ventilated so jumpers and cardigans are useful when the children feel chilly.

Logins for websites

Just to remind you, your child has a login for Seesaw (where homework is set and online learning takes place), Numbots - a maths fluency website, Spelling Shed where spellings are set, Maths Shed (accessible on Spelling Shed login) and Accelerated Reader. We appreciate that this can take time to get your head around but if you need any logins for your child please contact us at year34team@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk

Trips

We are in the process of organising a trip in the Spring term to link to our topic. Once we have confirmed dates and prices we will update you with the details.

Uniform

It has great to see lots of the children looking smart in their uniforms since returning from summer. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct school/PE uniform on the relevant days.

School Uniform	PE Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Bierton Logo V-neck navy jumper or cardigan• a white polo shirt/blouse or shirt,• grey trousers / shorts /skirt / pinafore,• a Bierton Tie• White / Grey / Black or navy plain socks or tights.• Black shoes• Hair must be tied up with a plain hair band.• If earrings are worn, they are small studs (no other jewellery is permitted).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Blue Bierton PE Hoodie• Blue Bierton PE T-shirt• Plain Black shorts / leggings / tracksuit bottoms• Trainers or black plimsolls.• Earrings need to covered up or removed for P.E. and swimming.

Homework

The children will be set homework each week on **Thursday**. This should be completed by the following **Thursday** at the latest. Homework will include:

- A weekly Maths task which will be set on seesaw.
- Daily reading. The children can quiz at home using this website: ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196
- A spelling activity which will be set on spelling shed. The spelling activity will link to the spelling ladder that your child is on. They need to complete at least 4 games to practise their words.

Regular practise on Numbotts and Timetables Rockstars will help to develop your child's fluency of number facts which will increase their confidence in other areas of maths.

Homework club is available for any child who would like to complete some of their homework in school or feel that they need some support with it. Children will need to attend homework club the Friday before their homework is due in.

Please can you ensure that your child is completing their homework if you are having any problems with completing the homework please let us know on year34team@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk

Our Learning

Literacy

We have been focusing our learning on sentence structure and developing our understanding of word classes. We are starting to become more confident at identifying nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions. We are going to start to use this knowledge to develop our writing in particular character and setting descriptions. Each half term we identify an audience and purpose for our writing. This half term we are going to create reference books for our classes containing all of our descriptions which we can refer back to when we start writing stories.

Maths

So far this half term we have been developing our knowledge of place value and looking at different mental strategies. Now we will be moving on to applying this knowledge to column addition and subtraction. We will start by focussing on the layout for the method as once the children have this secure it helps with larger numbers. We have started to practise our times tables using the timings that the year 4's will have for the check next year. The children are starting to remember not to panic when they see a question but to concentrate on answering the ones that they know.

R.E.

We have been looking at different religious symbols and what they represent. Holly class had a special project to create some wooden crosses for the school. They looked at what the cross represents in Christianity and chose a Bible story to depict on the cross. With some cross curricular skills being used they measured, sawed, sanded and painted their crosses. They are now ready to be delivered around school.



Topic

This half term we are looking at WW1 the children have really enjoyed the topic so far and understand where it stands in history. When we looked at the trenches we couldn't believe what the conditions were like for the soldiers who had to fight and live in them. Next half term we will be looking at Ancient Greece and will be having a Greek Day where we will experience different parts of the Ancient Greek culture, have the opportunity to dress up and much more. More details about this will follow.

Achievements

Christian Values

Hazel Class

Pearl - Responsibility
Marley - Co-operation
Effie - Responsibility
Harrison - Responsibility

Holly Class

Skye - Co-operation
Liam - Responsibility
Sienna - Love
Zak - responsibility

Pine Class

Thomas - Respect
Anabelle - Love
Sebastian - Honesty

Numbotts

Hazel	Holly	Pine
Seth	Millie	Ruby
Blake	Likhith	Poppy
Effie	Sienna	Jude

Times Table Rockstars

Hazel	Holly	Pine
Maxwell	Mia	Musa
Jack	Skye	Erin
Tanvi	Sonny	Henry

PE and Library days

On P.E. days children should come to school dressed in their P.E. kit.

Hazel Class - Monday and Friday

Holly Class - Monday and Thursday

Pine Class - Monday and Friday

Library

The children will have the opportunity to visit the library once a week as part of their reading session. They will have the chance to explore the books and borrow one if they would like.

Hazel Class - Wednesday

Holly Class - Monday

Pine Class - Wednesday

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th October - Individual photos

Wednesday 20th October - Harvest performance

Friday 22nd October - Inset day

Thursday 11th November - Greek Day

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th

November - Parents evening (details to follow)

Friday 26th November - Inset day

