

## Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **News and Reminders**

The children have been working so hard since February half term and we have a busy next few weeks coming up!

**Y6 visit to Skern:** For those attending our residential to Skern on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, there will be a kit list going home before the Easter holidays. We will send this in paper form and via parentmail. We will also be meeting with the children in the last week of term to answer any questions they may have and to go through the kit list with them.

**Y6 SATS revision packs:** Although there is normally no homework over the school holidays we will be sending SATS revision packs home with Y6 children over the Easter holidays. This will be a combination of revision material to read and questions to answer linked to maths and SPaG content. We really encourage the children to complete the activities. Where possible, completing a little each day (little and often) will be most beneficial. The packs will continue to go home between the Easter Holidays and SATS week (W/C 8<sup>th</sup> May) for children to complete. More information on these will be sent via parentmail nearer to the time.

**Reading Challenge:** All 3 classes will be completing a reading challenge starting from Monday. Children will have 2 weeks to complete the reading challenge and those who do will benefit from a reward, chosen by each class.

**Challenge:** Complete and pass 3 reading quizzes on accelerated reader between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Energize:** Some of our Year 5 and 6 children have been rehearsing for a performance at the Wycombe Swan theatre called Energize. They have only had five weeks to learn songs, a dance and be prepared to act in front of a whole audience - a tough deadline but they have been extremely dedicated. This week they attended a full day's rehearsal alongside nine other schools who are taking part and had a great time! If you would like to support Bierton choir and come along to watch, please use the following link:

<https://wycombeswan.co.uk/Online/tickets-energize-wycombe-2023>

Our performance is at 7pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and 2pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**Art/DT week:** Year 5/6 Art and DT week is the week of 20<sup>th</sup> March. **We are inviting parents in to help with an art project on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 1:45pm to 2:45pm.** A parentmail has gone out asking you to complete a form to confirm your attendance. Please can we ask that you complete this form so that we know how many parents to expect. Please note, only one parent per child can attend and we ask that you don't bring siblings.

### Homework

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

- Weekly arithmetic task set on Purple Mash.
- Weekly SPaG task set on Purple Mash.
- Weekly spelling activity 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. Copies of all of the words are available on Purple Mash.
- Daily reading and quizzing at least once a week on Accelerated Reader. The children can quiz at home using this website:  
<http://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196>
- Regular practise on Timetables Rockstars will help to develop your child's fluency of number facts which will increase their confidence in other areas of maths.

As the children are now in Upper Key Stage 2, the homework provided aims to help them prepare for their transition to secondary education. We understand that many children are developing their independence and completing their homework alone. It is often beneficial to look at the homework task with your child once they have completed it. This will help you identify where they may benefit from some support or guidance from an adult at home.

#### Reminders:

- 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**.

- 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: [year56team@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:year56team@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk)

### Our Learning

**World Book Day:** It was wonderful to see the children in their outfits and talking about their favourite books. Throughout the day, they completed lots of different book-related activities.

We asked our 'Literacy ambassadors' to tell you about their exciting day:

"World book day was really fun! We got to dress up as something linked to a passion or a hobby of ours. In Walnut class we designed comics - we really enjoyed doing this as we got to draw superheroes and villains! There was a football related world book day quiz on zoom that we all took part in. We also attended a fun assembly where we got to listen to stories and show off our outfits." (By Lyla and Emily)

Sycamore class took part in an exciting reading scavenger hunt in the library and Spruce class designed their own book covers. A big thank you to all our parents for coming into read with us! We thoroughly enjoyed our morning with you. See our photos below from an exciting day!









**Literacy:** We have watched 'paperman' which is a short film by Disney. The children have enjoyed the short film clip and have been developing their writing skills, which will be used to produce some narrative writing. So far, they have practised writing complex sentences, repetition for effect and used various synonyms for verbs.

We have also enjoyed spending some time with younger classes reading to each other.



**Science:** We are continuing to learn about electricity. The children have recently investigated various conductors and insulators, found out what happens when we use different length pencils as resistors and to end our topic, we will be researching different scientists who have made major electrical discoveries. We will present our findings in different ways and end with a presentation to the class.



**Spirituality:** This half term's Christian value is 'Respect.' We recently had a class assembly on what respect means to us. We talked about the importance of being respectful to our friends, adults and also to ourselves. We then created candles and prayers linked to our new Christian value.



**Visit from PC and PCSO:** A couple of weeks ago, the year 5/6 children were visited by our local PC and PCSO. They spoke to the children about the importance of internet safety and the use of social media.

Our STEM ambassadors have given their thoughts on the session, "A couple of weeks ago, a PC and PCSO came into the school and talked about online safety. We found it very interesting and I think it made people aware of online dangers and the risks of talking to strangers. They talked about messages on whatsapp and snapchat and games like Roblox or other multi-player games. They said that we have a digital footprint that has all our information and everything we have ever done on a file. Everything will still be there even if you delete it. We thought that it was a very educational experience." (Isabella and Naila)



### Superstar Learners

#### Christian Value awards:

**Walnut Class:** Jayden - Love

Karenza - Respect

**Sycamore Class:** Oscar, Dakota, Ruby and Amelia-Love

Anabelle - co-operation

**Spruce Class:** Aryana - Love

Charlie - co-operation

#### TTRS:

<b>Top score on TTRS (Last 14 days)</b>
- Walnut: Karenza
- Sycamore: Prisha
- Spruce: Ethan

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 15th March (2:45pm - 3:15pm):** Opportunity to visit classroom and view your child's books and learning

**Friday 17th March:** Comic Relief (details have been shared via ParentMail)

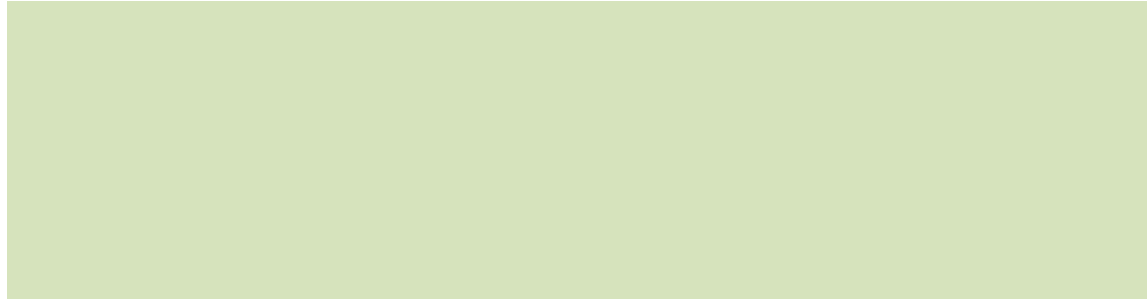
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Spring Progress Reports (sent via ParentMail)

**W/C 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Art/DT week

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Parent Art afternoon 1:45pm - 2:45pm

**Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March:** Parents' Evening (virtual - booked via School Cloud)





**W/C 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March:**  
Science workshop in school

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Finish for Easter break  
at 1pm