#### Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### News and Reminders

The children have had a busy first two weeks back and we can't believe that we are in the final half term of this year.

<u>Year 6 Leavers</u>: We can't believe that we are heading towards the Year 6's final few weeks at Bierton. We would like to thank FOBS for organising their leavers hoodies - the children love them! We are busy planning the Year 6 party day and information and updates will be sent via ParentMail. The children are also busy preparing for their production which will take place on the last day of term (**Wednesday 20**<sup>th</sup> July).

<u>Year 5 - Skern Residential</u>: It was wonderful to see so many of you are the meeting about Skern last week. If you would like to reserve a place on the residential, a payment of £30 is needed by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. The residential will occur when the children are in Year 6 and will be from Monday  $22^{nd}$  May to Friday  $26^{th}$  May 2023.

#### Homework

<u>Maths:</u> Weekly arithmetic set on SeeSaw and regular practise on Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots.

SPaG: Weekly activity set on SeeSaw.

Spellings: Spelling ladders have been uploaded to SeeSaw as well as suggestions on how to practise and learn the spellings.

<u>Spelling Test:</u> The children's final spelling test for this year will be on **Friday 1**<sup>st</sup> **July 2022**. They will need to score at least 18 out of 20 to move onto the next ladder.

Reading: Regular reading and guizzing. The website for Accelerated Reader guizzes is: https://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196

## Our Learning

<u>Literacy:</u> This half term the children have already written two short narratives based on video clips and images. It has been wonderful to see them apply the skills they have learnt throughout the year.

<u>Topic:</u> As part of our 'Explorers' topic, the children have learnt about human and physical geography, this includes looking at the climate and biomes in different areas of the world. They will soon be comparing the physical and human geography features of the UK to other areas of the world.

<u>Science</u>: The children are continuing to learn about life cycles and have started to compare the life cycles of different types of animals. They have recapped the process of metamorphosis and have extended their understanding about complete and incomplete metamorphosis. They have also enjoyed showcasing their understanding in different ways, such as creating models of the different stages.

<u>Computing:</u> The children have started to learn about stop-motion animation in computing. They have learnt about the app they will be using to create their emotion and will soon be planning and creating their own animation.

<u>Spirituality:</u> This week during class assembly we focused on World Ocean's Day. We looked at the impact human actions have on oceans and discussed what we could do to change our impact. Some children chose to incorporate these ideas when creating their social action feathers for their class' Bierton bird.

<u>Year 6 Skern Residential and Experience Days:</u> It was wonderful to see the cooperation shown by the children during their residential to Skern and when painting the new playground equipment shed at school. Whether at school, visiting the climbing wall at Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School or undertaking activities at Skern, all children learnt new skills and demonstrated resilience.

<u>Sports Week:</u> The children thoroughly enjoyed Sports Week and tried different sports, including: karate, skipping and football. We would like to thank all of the volunteers for providing amazing opportunities and activities for the children. It was also lovely to have a visit from Perry the Bull, who is the mascot for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

**Photos:** Here are some of the amazing things we have been doing in Year 5 and 6 recently.























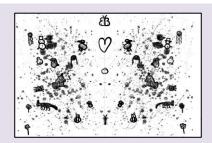
















### Superstar Learners

<u>Christian Values Certificates:</u> Well done to all of the children who have received a Christian Value certificate over the past month.

## Reading:

Word Count (May)	Percentage of Quizzes Passed (May)
1 <sup>st</sup> : Sycamore	1 <sup>st</sup> : Sycamore (100%)
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Spruce	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Walnut (93.5%)
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Walnut	3 <sup>rd</sup> : Spruce (91.1%)

## Numbots and Times Table Rock

<u>Stars:</u> Well done to the following children who have earned the highest amount of coins during May.

	Spruce	Sycamore	Walnut	
	David	Joseph	Noorhanfa	
Numbots		Dylan R	Grace	
		Dylan J	Kruthi	
	Toby	Harrison	Imran	
TTRS	Micah	Kaylon	Sufy	
	Zachary	Emma	Caoimhe	

# Diary Dates

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Bikeability (for those children who have

signed up)

Monday 4th July: Walnut Class swimming

(drowning prevention)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon) and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July (all day): Year 5

transition sessions.

Thursday 7th July: Year 6 going to

Dorchester Abbey

Monday 11th July: Year 6 in Sycamore Class

swimming (drowning prevention)

Wednesday 13th July: Year 6 Games