

## Year 5 and 6

5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### News and Reminders

#### **Welcome back!**

We are excited to welcome the children back tomorrow for the new school year and are looking forward to seeing their cheerful faces in classes and around the school. We are also looking forward to hearing all about their summer break news!

#### **Inclusion week**

This week in school will be 'Inclusion week' where we will be spending time looking at different forms of disability both visible and invisible and the importance of celebrating our differences. We see this as a great opportunity to explore the diversity amongst our community and celebrate the achievements of our children. We will also be looking at some disabilities that are not visible and how people have overcome them. We are incredibly lucky to have some key speakers in who will talk to the children about how they live with their disability.

#### **Uniform**

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct school/PE uniform on the relevant days. Here is a reminder of what your child should be wearing:

School Uniform	PE Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Bierton Logo V-neck navy jumper or cardigan</li><li>• A white polo shirt/blouse or shirt,</li><li>• Grey trousers / shorts /skirt / pinafore</li><li>• A Bierton Tie (Optional for EYFS and KS1 children),</li><li>• White / Grey / Black or navy plain socks or tights.</li><li>• Black low heeled shoes or sandals.</li><li>• Hair must be tied up with a plain hair band.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy Blue Bierton PE Hoodie</li><li>• Blue Bierton PE T-shirt</li><li>• Plain Black shorts / leggings / tracksuit bottoms</li><li>• Trainers or black plimsolls.</li></ul>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If earrings are worn, they are small studs (no other jewellery is permitted).</li><li>• No nail varnish.</li></ul> |  |
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### Reading

Reading is a really important skill for our children to develop this will help them with all of their learning. Listening to your child is important to build fluency and gives an opportunity to check their understanding by asking them questions. Another way to engage your child with reading is to read to them or to share a book which you both read. Reading books will be issued towards the end of this week. The children use Accelerated Reader to complete quizzes on books they have read and we track this alongside the number of words they read and this is celebrated during our assembly and as part of a classroom display. The children are expected to complete **at least one quiz a week and aim to achieve 85%** we appreciate your support with supporting your child with their reading.

The website to access the quizzes is [ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196](http://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196)

### Walking home

Please can we ask that you send an email to [year56team@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:year56team@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk) at any point throughout the year if you wish for your child to start walking home on their own. They will not be able to leave school on their own without this written permission. Thank you to those who have already done so.

### Home Possessions

We would just like to remind you and your child that home possessions (e.g. toys, trading cards, balls, fidget toys) should not be brought into school. We have noticed that some children have decided to bring in their own pencil cases. The school provides all stationery your child will need throughout the school day; however, if they would like to bring in their own pencil case in preparation for transition to secondary school this is allowed. We kindly ask that they only have one pencil case, which will fit in their school tray, and would like to remind them that it is their responsibility to take care of their possessions.

### Links to logon to class dojo

In class we use dojo points as one of the ways to reward the children. This could be for effort in their work or for demonstrating one or all of our Christian values. If you haven't already signed up to this, you can do so by clicking the relevant class link below. Once signed up you can track your child's progress and see how many dojos they are receiving!

Spruce Class: <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=C8HEJQC>

Sycamore Class: <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=C8CX9XU>

Walnut Class: <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CWDT2RK>

### Homework

- Regular practice of times tables via the Times Tables Rock Star (TTRS) app for at least 30 minutes per week - time spent on the app will be tracked by the class teacher
- Weekly Arithmetic task - approximately 30 minutes
- Daily reading for 20-30 minutes - teachers will track children's reading via Accelerated Reader
- Practice weekly spellings via Spelling Shed (15-20 minutes)
- Complete weekly Maths activity via Maths Shed or Purple Mash (15-20 minutes)
- Weekly SPAG task (15-20 minutes)

## Our Learning

### Literacy

During inclusion week we will be writing fact files on famous people with disabilities and writing some of our own kenning poems, celebrating our uniqueness! From the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> September we will be using the book 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. We will be taking part in drama activities and complete various written tasks focused on the book. Children will also have weekly reading and SPaG sessions in addition to their literacy hour. One afternoon a week, each class will also have a library session where they will be able to change their library book and spend time reading for pleasure.

### Maths:

We will be starting the year with our topic of 'Place Value.' Children will take part in an additional maths fluency session each day. It is really important that children continue to use Times Table Rock Stars at home to help with their maths fluency.

### Humanities

Our first Humanities topic is Scots, Anglo Saxons and Vikings, this will continue up until Christmas. We will be finding out about where they came from, influences on language, their everyday life, key events during the period and historical figures. The last week before half term will be dedicated to Art and DT. We will be inviting **one parent per family** into school to help their child with their project on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. More information on this will follow in due course.

### Religious Education

This term we will start with our unit 'Are Saints encouraging role models?' We will be finding out about different Saints, how they became a Saint and whether we think all Saints are 'role models.'

### PE and Library days

On PE days children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. This will start from the week of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

These are as follows:

Spruce class - Tuesday and Thursday

Sycamore Class - Wednesday and Thursday

Walnut Class - Monday and Tuesday

#### Library

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

Spruce Class - Monday

Sycamore Class - Tuesday

Walnut Class - Thursday

### Diary Dates

W/C 5<sup>th</sup> September - Inclusion Week

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Homework will be set

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 11+ practice test.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September - 11+

W/C 17<sup>th</sup> October - Art/DT week

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Parent (one per family) invited in for Art/DT

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Inset day