

Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut

30th September 2022

News and Reminders

We have been working really hard during the past couple of weeks and the Year 6 children have been busy applying for ambassador roles and house captain positions. We are so proud of all of the children who have applied and stood up in front of the school in assembly to give their speeches. The results will be announced in next week's celebration assembly where Mr Gadsby will present badges to the successful candidates.

Clubs

Clubs start next week! By now you should have received an email to let you know which clubs your children have a place at.

Waddesdon

Year 5 recently had a lovely virtual meeting with Waddesdon Manor, who are organising their Christmas displays already. Based on the book, "The tree that's meant to be" by Yuval Zommer, the children were encouraged to think about what makes them unique. Each child's idea will be etched onto a metallic Christmas tree and will be hung as part of the Waddesdon Christmas lights display. Further details about how you can visit the display at a discounted rate will be sent out shortly.

Homework

Thank you so much to all the children for working so hard on completing their homework. Just a reminder that children should be completing their maths arithmetic and SPaG homework on Purple Mash. They should also be reading (20-30 minutes a day) and completing their four spelling tasks alongside TTRS (at least 30 minutes a week.) Links to all of these websites can be found on their Purple Mash account. We would also appreciate your support on reminding your child to quiz after they have read. Children should be aiming to complete one quiz every 1 to 2 weeks. Well done to all of those children who have already achieved this!

If children finish a book at home the website to quiz on is: www.ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196

There will be a spelling test during the last week of term. Children will need to score 18 or more out of 20 to move to the next spelling ladder. All spelling ladders were sent out on parentmail so that children can learn their spellings ahead of the test.

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 year56team@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk

Our Learning

SPaG:

Over the past couple of weeks in SPaG we have been looking at word class and grouping words into their word class, for example - nouns, adjectives, adverbs etc. We discussed how some words can be in more than one word class depending on the sentence it is in. We have also been doing some work on the different types of nouns. We are reminding ourselves that all proper nouns need to start with a capital letter in our writing!



Literacy:

Our writing has been linked to a book called 'The Journey.' Last week we did some drama work where we tried to replicate adult conversations over a juice and biscuit! We considered what the adults might be talking about when they knew war was coming. We did our best 'adult' impersonations!



Maths

Year 6 have been continuing with their topic on the four operations. We have been learning about how to use BIDMAS to ensure we calculate questions in the correct order and how to multiply and divide using formal methods. During fluency Walnut class have been using multilink cubes to investigate cube and square numbers. We are trying to learn all our square and cube number facts off by heart!



Science

Our science topic is living things and their habitats. We have been writing our own classification charts to classify animals and finding out about Linnaeus' classification system from the 18th Century. We will then go on to create our own animal species and decide on how it should be classified.



Christian Value awards:

Walnut Class: Jessica - Responsibility

Sycamore Class: Jasmine - Responsibility

Spruce Class: Whole of Spruce class - responsibility

TTRS

Top score on TTRS (Last 14 days)
Stanley M - Walnut
Zachary E - Sycamore
Aryana D - Spruce



Diary dates

Thursday 13th October - Cine night

W/C 17th October - Art/DT week

Wednesday 19th October - Parent (one per family) invited in for Art/DT 2:00 - 3:15pm

Thursday 20th October - children break up for half-term (3:15pm)

Friday 21st October - Inset day

Monday 31st October - assessment week

Monday 7th November - Trip to Ufton Court