

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



If children are happy, they will achieve!

September NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to a brand new school year everyone. The children have settled in brilliantly to the new term, and are quickly getting to grips with their themes.

THEMES

In Reception, they are looking at 'Our World'; this includes talking about their families and the community they live in. They will also think about special places in their community.

In Year 1 their theme is 'Animal Kingdom'. The children are exploring and identifying animals and their features as well as exploring the world's continents and oceans.

Year 2 are exploring 'Let's Remember' where they are learning about why countries in the past have fought, how this past can be represented and ordering events from past.

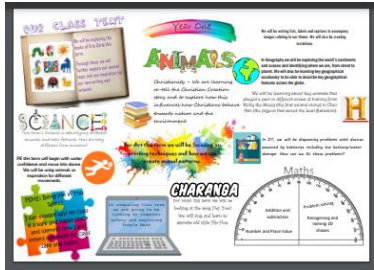
In Year 3 this term's topic is titled 'Yabba Dabba Doo!' It is based around life in The Stone Age.

Year 4's theme for the term is Awesome Architecture. They are looking at brilliant buildings from a range of places in history.

Year 5 are focusing on Achievements and Legacies where they are finding out about the achievements and legacies of the Ancient Greeks.

In Year 6 the theme is 'Shake things up' where they will be budding engineers and scientists!

For further information on your child's learning, please check out the class blogs and pages on our website www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk



Year 6 camp: Year 6 enjoyed a memorable trip to camp this



month. From farm jobs to den building, Year 6 have experienced a fun filled week of outdoor experiences. They have enjoyed the likes of fire lighting, camp fires, learning about



sustainable farming, nature's art and team building activities. A record of our trip is on the Year 6 blog!

Traditionally, Y6 have gone to camp during the summer, but going in



September has been so valuable in forming relationships for the coming year for their final year of primary. We shall be continuing with September camps for the coming years.



New staff: We say a warm welcome to three new members of staff this term. Mr Woodward joined us during the summer holidays and has quickly established a routine as our new caretaker. Miss Beard also started during August as our new nursery manager and feels so happy and settled in Little Jesters already. Miss Carter has joined our team of fabulous teaching partners, and is currently working in Year 3.

Welcome: It has been so lovely to be able to open our doors again this term, and we started this by welcoming our new reception families for a coffee morning and mini tours of the classroom and outside areas. This has also been extended for our Y1 families this week who were not able to do this last year due to the pandemic. It is so nice to get to know you all, and we look forward to many more events throughout the year. We have even added to our ever-growing BFG bringing our numbers up to 14 members now which is fantastic! Thank you so much to our BFG members for helping us by serving refreshments during these events. You are greatly appreciated! 😊

BFG news: The BFG are meeting this week for the first time in person! This is quite a big deal, and will make a refreshing change to online meetings with intermittent internet connection! They already have a huge list of exciting events lined up, including discos, fun runs and a summer fayre (at last!) Their first job this year was to create goodie bags for our new reception parents, which was a lovely touch and were very well received. They will be selling second-hand uniforms at 3pm every Thursday this term on the school playground. Every item is £2 so bring some cash if you want to grab a bargain.



EYFS builder appeal: Any budding DIY enthusiasts, builders, carpenters, engineers or all round 'can make anything happen' parents out there who can't join the BFG but want to help add to your child's school experience? We need a new shelter built (and no doubt a wish-list of other items from the EYFS team) in our Reception and Jesters outdoor areas to enable further outdoor provision and want to beg, borrow and steal your time and skills please! If you can help in any way,

please email admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk or catch myself or Mrs Goodall on the gate in the morning so we can compile a list (hopefully!) of helpers and create a masterplan! Thank you.

House name news: You may recall last term we asked for your opinions on some ideas for our new House names? We had some great suggestions, including Attenborough, Nightingale and Parkhurst. This term, we shall be exploring these further and putting it to a vote with our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) formally known as 'School council'. We hope to announce the new House names ahead of the New Year in 2022!

Active Reward days: This year, we have adapted our system for reward days in order to make it fairer for all. Instead of the winning House receiving the reward day at the end of each term, it will be the top 5 children in each class with the most reward points each term. You may have noticed house points & behaviour points coming through on your Marvellous Me (MME) app? All reward points will be recorded in this way in order to monitor and reward exceptional behaviour. Our first reward day this term will be on Thursday 21st October and the winners shall be announced on Monday 18th October.

Remembrance day: This year, we would like children to contribute to a remembrance project around our school grounds. For this, we do require something from you please. Please can you send your child into school with a flat pebble or stone by Monday 11th October. They will be painting these in school with poppies, and shall be displayed during November. Thank you.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Robbins'.

Miss Robbins and all the team here
at Berkeley Primary

