



Today we have celebrated World Book Day and the children have looked absolutely magnificent in the costumes of their favourite book character. Throughout the day, learning has been based on building a love for reading and the children have had so much fun in these engaging activities. Key Stage 1 children were visited by a real-life author today who shared some of his books and talked to the children about how he writes.

Next week, we have the book fair visiting school. This is an opportunity for you and your child to purchase from a selection of the latest children's books at very competitive prices. Based on the amount of books that are sold, the school is given an amount of free books to add to our library, so please do visit and purchase books if you are able to. It is also Science week so there will be lots of extra opportunities for the children to get hands on with science in their classrooms and we will share photos of these in next week's newsletter.

Ending the week next week next Friday is Comic Relief. To recognise this event, we will be holding a non-uniform day and families are able to make a 50p donation to this very worth cause.

As a school we continue to have a strong focus on attendance and punctuality. We are currently reviewing our school policy to ensure that all children are able to fulfil their full potential by being in school, on time, every day.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Mr Wade
Head of School

Diary Dates:

March

- 12th—Girls football match @ Eversley (Selected children)
- 13th—20th—Book fair in School
- 13th—Sycamore local area walk
- 14th—Olive local area walk
- 15th—Willow local area walk
- 15th—Comic Relief
- 19th—Dodgeball competition (selected children)
- 20th—Police visit to Reception
- 20th—Girls Football match @ Lincewood (Selected Children)

- 25th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 26th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 26th—Trust Science Competition (selected children)
- 26th—Year 4 Spring Production to parents @9:15am
- 26th—Yr 5/6 football match @ Eversley (Selected children)
- 27th—Year 4 Spring Production to parents @9:15am
- 27th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 28th—Yr 6 Reward trip
- 28th—Last day of term**

April

- 15th—Return to school**
- 17th—Trust Orienteering Competition (selected children)
- 18th—Class Photos

Inset Days—22nd, 23rd & 24th May 2024.



Information/ Reminders —

Comic Relief

- 15.03.24—children can wear something red to school and make a donation of 50p on the School Gateway app. There will also be a red nose themed dessert for lunch.

Reception

- Children will be bringing home week 2 of their tricky word homework. They are practicing the words full, pull, as, and.

Vacancies.

- Please visit the following for vacancies within our trust.
www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancy.php



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22nd March
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 12th March
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12th March
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 12th March
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 17th April
FELMORE – CLEANER closing date 15th March
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th March
MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 13th March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CLEANER closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – MEDICAL OFFICER – closing date 21st March

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust

'Talk it' topics and British Values

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to the British Values. It encourages children's communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We cover a different topic in school each week. It would be fantastic if you could talk about it at home too. This week's topic will be—

Early Years—What do schools have rules? This links to the British Value —Rule of Law.

KS1 & KS2—Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms? This links to the British Value —Rule of Law.



Certificate of Achievement

Week of 4th March 2024

Buttercup— Hosneara
Daffodil— Nicolle
Primrose— Ziya
Bluebell Class— Huxley
Rose Class— Raeya H
Tulip Class— Buha A
Lavender Class— Hunter Q
Orchid Class— Tommy
Sunflower Class— Ronan C
Birch Class— Blake C
Hawthorn Class— Vanessa
Pine Class— La-Bonte K
Ash Class— Ebrima T
Beech Class— Emir T
Maple Class— Oumie T
Olive Class— Matilda N
Sycamore Class— Leo J
Willow Class— Harper
Elder Class— Lillie E
Elm Class— Toby
Oak Class— Matilda C



Reading Corner

Year Group	This week we will be reading....
Nursery	Jack and the Beanstalk by Barbara Vagnozzi
Reception	Chinese New Year
Year 1	Beegu by Alexis Deacon
Year 2	A Walk in London by Salvatore Rubbino
Year 3	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Year 4	Who let the gods out? By Maz Evans
Year 5	The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
Year 6	The boy and the tower by Polly Ho-Yen

Class	Reader of the week...
Year 1—Bluebell	Isaiah
Year 1—Rose	Elissa E-M
Year 1 - Tulip	Kaleb G
Year 2 - Orchid	Harlie
Year 2 - Sunflower	Dayna M
Year 2 - Lavender	Elena B
Year 3 - Pine	Hallie Q
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Damien
Year 3 - Birch	Sasha W
Year 4 - Maple	Nova W
Year 4 - Beech	Charlotte C
Year 4 - Ash	Louis C
Year 5 - Olive	Elouise F
Year 5 - Sycamore	Honey-Rose H
Year 5 - Willow	Poppie
Year 6—Elder	Tianna
Year— Elm	Will-Francis
Year 6—Oak	Scarlett J

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Please see below for what has been taught in phonics this week in your child/s year group:

Reception	This week in phonics, reception have been focusing on longer words and words with double letters. We have also been reviewing all of the GPC's and tricky words that we have learnt so far.
Year 1	In phonics this week, Year 1 have been learning the following sounds: or making the /ur/ sound like in word and worm u and oul making the /oo/ sound like in put and octopus , could and should . are making the /air/ sound like in share and care au , aur , oor and al making the /or/ sound like in author , dinosaur , floor and walk tch making the /ch/ sound like in catch and kitchen ture making the /ch/ sound with a schwa so we pronounce it 'chuh' like in picture and adventure . al making the 'ar' sound like in half and calm a making the /ar/ sound like in father and nasty We have also learnt the tricky words: once , laugh , because and eye
Year 2	Year 2 have started our Little Wandle Spelling programme this week.

Free Reader Friday

Please remind your child that every Friday, they can bring in their own book from home, or choose one from the book corner or school library.



Oracy Corner



Let's Talk



Discuss: Which is the most important core value in our school? Why do you think that?

Instigate
Present an idea or open up a new line of enquiry

Start by saying:

- I would like to start by saying...
- I think....
- We haven't yet talked about...

Instigate

Clarify
Asking questions to make things clearer and check your understanding

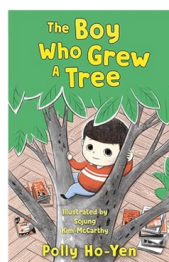
“ So are you saying ____?

“ Does that mean ____?

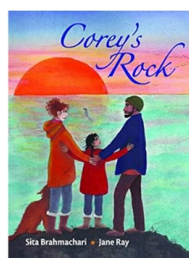
“ Can you clarify what you mean by ____?

Clarify

Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots



TT Rockstars Class of the week is Lavender

Player of the week—

Lavender— Adebajji A
Orchid— Iasmina
Sunflower— Adebambo A
Birch— Ernie S
Hawthorn— Ella M
Pine — Apshara S
Ash— Amber M
Beech— Ellie C
Maple— Darius M
Olive— Aisha C
Sycamore— Ryan G
Willow— Jack
Elder— William
Elm— Albi C
Oak— Stanley F

Numbots Class of the week is Rose

Numbots Player of the week

Rose— Jake K
Tulip— Anna-Rose I
Bluebell— Vinnie

Battle Board	7.3.24
Sycamore class	21
Pine class	21
Hawthorn class	15
Ash class	15
Sunflower class	12
Elder class	9
Willow class	9
Maple class	9
Lavender class	9
Olive class	9
Birch class	6
Orchid class	6
Beech class	3
Elm class	3
Oak class	3

