

Spa Bermondsey Newsletter

As the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler, we have been pleased to see just how well pupils have settled back into the rhythms and routines of school and their new classes. The school year is now in full swing and we've had a very busy first half term!

We welcomed 6 new chickens to the school this month—our school council will be leading on the naming of our birds and we'll have a vote in November once they have created a short list.

The government have issued a new bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's 70th anniversary on the throne. Schools have been asked by the Department for Education to allocate a day as a bank holiday and we have chosen January 4th 2022. This means pupils will return on Thursday 6th January 2022. A full list of upcoming dates is found over the page.

Black History Month

This year our theme across the school has been *Significant individuals*. Pupils in KS3 have learnt about the experiences and contributions of Marcus Rashford and learnt about the Windrush experience through exploring Floella Benjamin's book, *Coming To England*. In KS4, pupils read *Little Leaders: Bold Men and Women in History* and learnt about Anita Neil, the first Black British Olympian. In KS5, as well as reading Jamia Wilson's book, *Young, Gifted and Black*, pupils learnt about Kadeena Cox, one of Britain's most successful Paralympian.



Ranger Stu

We were excited to have Ranger Stu visit Spa Bermondsey with a range of exotic animals for us to meet. Stu bought a tarantula, tortoise, hedgehog, snake and armadillo. We were impressed at how many pupils were brave enough to touch the different animals!



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Parent Sessions

We are really looking forward to being able to host parent sessions next half term. We know from your feedback that these sessions are important to the Spa community and that it is helpful for us to have time to come together, share expertise and best practice.

We have a session with our Speech and Language Therapists on “Preparing for Change” on Tuesday 16th November at 10am

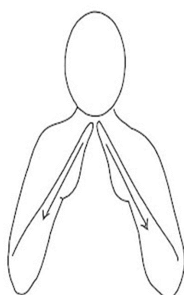
With our OTs, we’ll have a session on “Becoming More Independent in Self-Care on Monday 29th November at 10am

Nicole, our AHT for Key Stage 5 will be hosting a transition morning on Tuesday 7th December at 9:30

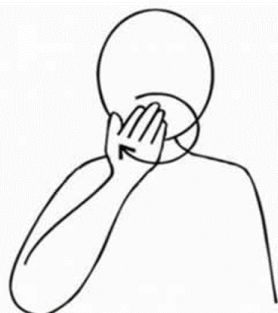
Upcoming dates for your diary

- Autumn Half Term: Monday 25th October 2021—Friday 29th October 2021
- Parents Evening: Thursday 11th November 2021
- Children In Need: Friday 19th November
- Anti Bullying Week: Monday 15th November
- Last day of Autumn term: Friday 17th December 2021
- First day back for pupils: Thursday 6th January 2022
- Spring half term: Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February 2022

Key signs



home/house



school



holiday

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