

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER-SPRING 1

Journeying together with God



Welcome back. We hope you've all had a restful holiday, and we look forward to the busy half term ahead! If you have any questions or would like any support with anything, please come and ask anyone in the Y1 team.

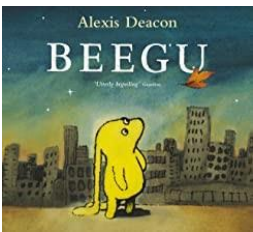
Mrs Hannon, Mrs Connolly and Miss Bainbridge



THEME AND BIG QUESTION

Destination: Outer Space

Is there anyone out there?



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS...



TERM IS...

TRUST

Key dates

- **Healthy Inside & Out day** – Monday 6th Jan
- **Science Day** – Friday 31st January
- **Whole school writing and art project week** – Monday 10th February
- **Safer Internet Day** – Tuesday 11th February
- **Last day of term and 'local charity day'** - Friday 14th February



Notices

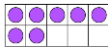
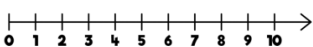


- Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school **everyday** and check inside for new books and notices. Please ensure that PE kits are brought in for PE days (Monday and Wednesday), and that they are labelled with your child's name. Remember to label all items of uniform too! **Please can all children bring their water bottles with them everyday and filled with water only.**

MATHS



- Our main focus this half term will be **addition and subtraction within 20**.
- The children will deepen their knowledge of parts and wholes, number bonds to 10, and number bonds within 20.
- They will practise reading and writing number sentences and continue to count forwards and backwards, sorting, matching and comparing objects and numbers to 50.
- We will continue to use concrete materials such as Numicon, ten frames, counters and cubes to support with mathematical thinking, reasoning and problem solving.



ENGLISH



- We will continue to practise learning our phonics and recap Phase 4 sounds and tricky words and learn our Phase 5 sounds and tricky words.
- The children will continue to read 3 times per week in small reading groups.
- We will be reading Beegu by Alexis Deacon. We will use this book to continue to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, also focusing on letter formation and handwriting.
- The children will also be writing a fact file about Neil Armstrong, which links with our current history topic about him.



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SCIENCE



Seasonal Changes

Why is it so dark?

- The children will observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and discover how day length can vary. We will be learning about how the days change from light to dark and from day to night.



PSHE

Keeping Safe and Managing Risk

- The children will learn about keeping safe in familiar situations, their own personal safety and about people who can help keep them safe outside of the home.

PE



PE days – Monday and Wednesday

- This half term on a Monday, we will be learning about health and wellbeing.
- On a Wednesday, we will be learning about using our hands to practise ball skills.



COMPUTING

Using 2Simple

- The children will continue to use computer to login safely.
- The children will use 2Go to start to learn how to code.



COMMUNICATION

- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly.
- Also, don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [class webpage](#) to see all our learning in Y1 and school.



RE



Creation – who made the world?

- The children will be learning about how Christians believe God made the world. The children will learn about the creation story and will be able to sequence the story.
- The children will also be looking at amazing places from around the world and talk about how they were made.
- The children will learn about how Christians are thankful to God for creating the world.



ART



Painting and mixed media

- The children will be learning about the three primary colours and will be experimenting mixing these colours together to make secondary colours.
- The children will learn how to create different shades of a secondary colour.



HISTORY

Why was Neil Armstrong a significant explorer?

- The children will learn about who Neil Armstrong was and what significant achievements he made.
- They will also learn about other significant people who have international achievements.



HOME LEARNING

- Please read as much as possible with your child. Try and aim to read with your child **daily** for at least 10 minutes and make a short note in their reading diary.
- It is also important that you read to your child as much as possible too!
- **Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.**



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