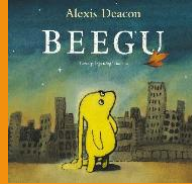


Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023



Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back after the summer, we hope that you all had a fantastic break. It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school and to the Year 1 classroom.

Our focus this term is to settle the children, establish routines and expectations and enjoy our learning. Please find below a summary of the main learning areas during the term along with some general reminders.

Our **English** lessons this year will be following the National Curriculum covering reading and writing, with a focus on SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Our lessons will continue to revolve around key texts, with the first story being 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. The children will have the opportunity to create their own stories and use drama and role play to fully immerse themselves in their learning. Throughout this unit the children will be given lots of opportunities to work on their writing skills, learning to recognise when capital letters and full stops are required and to develop the skill of reading their work back in order to make any changes. Additionally, they will be using their writing skills across the curriculum, in lessons such as Science and in History.

Spellings

The spelling scheme which we use in Year 1 focuses on spelling patterns and the common exception words. It links closely to the daily phonic lessons but also makes sure that all pupils are spelling common words correctly. We hope that this will help them when they are spelling in everyday writing. They will be tested weekly on a **Friday**. A spelling sheet will be sent home on a Friday as weekly spellings to learn with a test taking place on the following Friday.

In **Phonics**, we will be revising Phase 3 diagraphs and trigraphs and covering Phase 4 in which we will practice reading and spelling words with adjacent consonants and words with more than one syllable.

In **RE** the children will focus on the Christian story of Creation and the responsibility a Christian might feel for caring for the world.

As with English, our **Maths** lessons will be following the National Curriculum. This term year 1 will be learning about number, place value, addition and subtraction. The children will use lots of practical resources in all maths lessons to support their learning whilst also discussing their thinking by reasoning.

Year 1 will also be focusing on their times tables. They will be given either: a number bonds to 10 or a times table worksheet to practice at home on Friday's which they will be tested on the following Friday.

In **Science** our topic this term is 'Seasonal Changes'. We will be learning about the four seasons and varied day length. The children will be encouraged to describe the weather associated with each of the seasons and the changes this brings. They will record weather over a period of time, including temperatures, rain fall and wind direction.

In **History** the children will be learning about events beyond living memory that are significant in British history focusing on The Great Fire of London. We will look at how and why the fire started, how the people of London escaped the fire, how they lived after the fire and the changes we made because of the fire.

In **Geography** the children will gain an understanding of maps; including world maps, local area maps and aerial photographs. Children will look at a map of the UK and identify the countries and capital cities of the UK.

Homework

Children need to read or be read to 5 times a week, either a physical reading book or their allocated bug club reading book. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child's reading / discussing their book with them. This will really help your child progress in reading and writing. In addition, children will have termly homework menu, where they will be given opportunities to select activities to consolidate their learning.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Miss Jacob and Miss Banks