

Welcome to Year 1!

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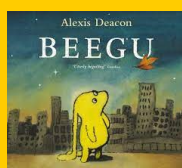
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English

This half-term, we will be focusing on using our phonics to help us write labels and captions. We will use characters from a range of stories as a stimulus for this and as we get better we will think about using adjectives to describe parts of the character. We will then use these skills to link to our work in Science about labelling the parts of the body.



After half-term, we will begin to develop our understanding of simple sentence structure, focusing on nouns and verbs, as well as when we need a capital letter and a full stop! We will also learn about a simple story structure and use the story of Beegu by Alexis Deacon to help us.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be learning about:

- Place value (within 10)
- Addition and subtraction (within 10)
- Geometry: shape
- Place value (within 20)



In addition to these units of learning, we will also be revisiting previously taught knowledge through our mixed-topic starter of the day.

We will also be participating in a Mastery number task where children will consolidate all concepts that we are learning during our Maths lessons.

Reading / Phonics

In phonics this term we will be reviewing some of the sounds that we learnt last year and then we will move onto learning new sounds. We follow the Sounds-Write scheme which allows children to become familiar with the tasks they complete so their focus can be on the sounds they are learning. The scheme ensures children constantly 'say the sounds' as they 'write them' to consolidate their learning.



In our shared reading sessions this term we will be reading books that link with our phonics sessions allowing children to have time to practise the sounds and skills learnt during phonics lessons.

In addition to this, we will have a daily we will have a D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) session where we listen to the teacher read a story that we have chosen together. This is our favourite part of the day!

Science

In science this term, we will be learning about: Identifying and naming the different parts of our bodies and start to explore what different things our bodies can do. We will then go on to find out about each of the five senses in detail through engaging activities and investigations.



We will also begin learning about how weather and day length affect animals and humans. They will also be encouraged to use their own experiences and the information provided to come to conclusions about how living things adapt to seasonal changes.

History

In History this term, we will be learning about: the history of toys. We will think about and discuss our favourite toys and then go on to look at what toys were like in the past and how they are different to toys today.



Geography

In Geography this term, we will be learning about: the town, country and continent they live in. We will find out where the United Kingdom is located on a world map and explore the features of the countries and capital cities of the UK, before finding out more about their local area.



Art

In Art this term, we will be learning: Simple skills such as holding a pencil correctly for drawing before exploring mark making with a variety of mediums and materials. We will go on to learn about the famous artist Paul Klee, imitating his techniques to create our own piece of art.



Design and technology

In D&T this term, we will be learning about: Making sturdy structures in the context of homes. We will begin to design, make and evaluate our own model houses, thinking like engineers!



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Music

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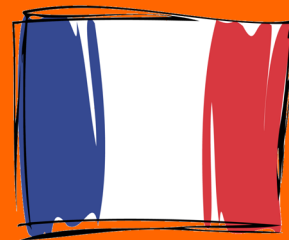
Pulse, rhythm and pitch and how these work together to form a song

After half-term we will continue to develop this understanding in addition to rapping, dancing and singing largely in tune.



French

We will begin our French lessons when we get to year three!



RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about:

- What we can learn about Christianity from visiting a church
- What Christians believe about God
- Why gifts are given at Christmas



Computing

In Computing this term, we will be learning about:

Developing our understanding of technology and how it can help us. We will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing our keyboard and mouse skills, and also start to consider how to use technology responsibly.



After half-term, we will explore the world of digital art and its exciting range of creative tools. We will create our own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of other artists. We will conclude by asking ourselves to consider our preferences when painting with, and without, the use of digital devices.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be following our JIGSAW scheme to learn about:

- Being me in my world
- Celebrating differences



PE

This term, our PE day will be a Wednesday. Children will need to come with appropriate clothing, including: a white t-shirt or polo shirt, navy blue shorts and black plimsoles or trainers.

This term, our PE focus will be:

- Ball skills (football)
- Movement skills

Through these units we hope to develop gross motor skills and tactical understanding.

