

Year 1 Newsletter—Spring Term

Hand in hand with Jesus Christ we live, love and learn together

Let's blossom into the New Year!

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and a restful break ready for the term ahead. May we take this opportunity to thank you for all the generous gifts and cards we received at Christmas.

RE

We will cover three topics in RE this term.

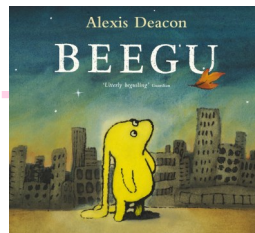
We will start with our topic on **Special People**. The children will explore special people in their own lives and those of the parish.

Our next topic will concentrate on **Change**. The children will learn about the journey Christians make during Lent, including Easter.

Our final topic is **Meals** where children will explore special meals in their lives and those of the church including the Last Supper.

English

Throughout English this term we will be focusing on two books; *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon and *Robin Hood* by Rob Lloyd Jones. Using the *Beegu* text, the children will be describing how Beegu felt about his trip to earth, recalling his journey through questions and designing their own alien.



Robin Hood will support both our English learning as well as our Geography and History curriculums, where we will explore our local area of Nottingham. We will also be focusing on the following grammatical areas: adjectives, nouns and exclamation marks.

Phonics

The children will continue with our phonics scheme, 'Super Sonic Phonics Friends'. The children have become familiar with this and are enjoying all of the funny characters that are helping them to learn their phonics - such as 'Listen with Len' and 'Nonsense Nan'! In line with this scheme, we are using the supporting phonics mats which you will find in your child's homework folder.



Every year we are required to carry out the Government Year 1 phonics screening test. This test takes place in June. In order for the children to become familiar with this set-up of the test, we will begin to introduce them to short sessions where they will use their phonics knowledge to decode real and nonsense words.

Provisional Dates

2/2/24: International Map Day

6/2/24: Safer Internet Day

9/2/24: INSET Day

12/2/24 - 18/2/24: Half Term

5/3/24 & 7/3/24: Parent Consultations

20/3/24: SEND Coffee Morning

29/3/24 - 7/3/24: World Book Day

29/3/24 - 14/4/24: Easter Holidays

15/4/24: Return to School

Homework

Homework will still be given out every Tuesday and needs to be returned every Monday. The children will continue to receive a piece of spelling homework to support the work they have done that week. We will also be sending a piece of Math's work that will consolidate what the children have been learning. Another focus this term will be the continued reading and writing of the Year 1 common exception words. To help the children secure their knowledge of these words, we will be testing them regularly.

Reading group days will remain the same unless you are informed that your child has moved. Their books will be changed on this day only. Please ensure your child returns their books with a signed diary in order to receive new books.

REMINDER

PE Days are Tuesday (Outdoor kit). For Outdoor PE your child MUST wear a sweatshirt and long tracksuit bottoms due to the cold weather. Indoor PE kit MUST include T-shirt and shorts. Please ensure all items of the PE kit are clearly labelled and in a separate bag that is kept in school for the half-term.



Home Collection

If there is a sudden change in your child's collection arrangements on the day, please inform the school office. This ensures that the teacher and all other Year 1 staff are aware of who is collecting your child.

Maths

This term sees the children cover the following topics...

Multiplication and Division: Children will begin by counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. This will lead into knowing multiplication and division facts of x2, x5 and x10. We would encourage you to practice counting forwards and backwards in these multiples with your child at home.

Tens and Ones: Children will explore a variety of practical resources to support their understanding of tens and ones. They will learn to partition two digit numbers in a variety of ways.

Topic

Within **Science** the children will be learning about animals. We will look at classifying animals into different groups and recognizing if an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.



During our **Geography** topic, the children will learn about human and physical geography. We will study features of the local area, including Nottingham and West Bridgford.

We will continue to look at our local area in **History** as we explore how it has changed

over time.

As part of our **Art** topic the children will explore printing. This will include printing using different mediums and materials. For **DT** children will be designing, making and evaluating puppets for toys.



They will learn how to join their fabric together and decorate the features.

In **Music** the children will be revising the language for notes and vocabulary such as quaver, minim, crochet and beat, pulse, tempo. They will listen and respond to a variety of composers including Camille Saint-Saëns.

SeeSaw

We would like to thank you for your clear communication through Seesaw during the Autumn Term.

Please continue to use this platform to communicate any messages.

The Year 1 Team

Teachers	Teaching Assistants	Support Staff
Miss Adams (1A)	Mrs Pezzolo	Mrs Gaffur
Miss Walsh (1W)	Mrs Hickman	Mrs Hussain

We are delighted to share that we also have Miss Karas, a trainee teacher joining the Year 1 Team until February half-term as part of her teacher training placement.