

Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for all the exciting learning this half term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts.

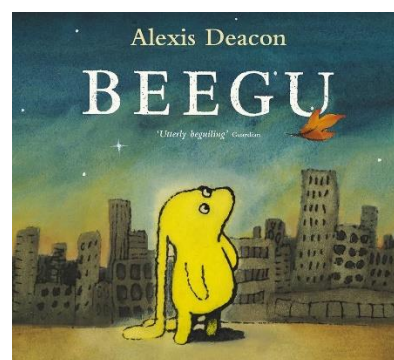
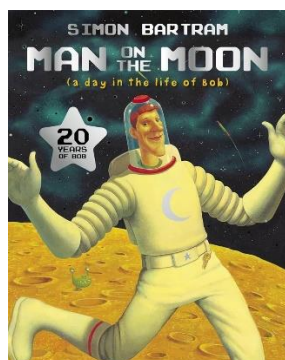
Please check your child's clothes are named especially coats, jumpers, cardigans, hats, gloves and snack pots as these are very difficult to return if not named. We really appreciate this as it would save us a lot of time, thank you.

So far, the children have settled back into routines and are excited to be with their friends again. Please remember that no toys are allowed in school, please leave all toys at home or in the car as when they are brought to the door it can cause unnecessary upset to the start of the day.

Mrs Hibbs will now be teaching 1A on a Wednesday whilst Mrs Nolan is out of class for her wider school leadership role. This is instead of Miss Le Miere being with the class on a Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning.

Topic: We started the half term with learning about seasonal changes. We have been finding out about winter and the kind of weather that the season can bring. We have learnt why winter is colder than Summer. Next week we will be starting our topic about Space. As historians we will be learning about significant events and significant people in the history of Space exploration. As scientists we will be learning about everyday materials and using our knowledge to choose appropriate materials for a special space mission.

Writing: Our first writing journey this half term is Man on the Moon (A day in the life of Bob). We will use this text to help us create a job description for Bob's assistant. Our second journey is based on Beegu. We will be using part of the story to create some retellings of the narrative.



Read Write Inc:

Your child may have been allocated a new RWInc group. Please continue to read the book and practice the sounds with your child and encourage them to have a go at Fred Talking (sounding out) and writing words with a sound.

Maths:

In Maths our focus for this half term is:

- Naming and recognising 2D and 3D shapes.
- Shape patterns.
- Place Value within 20.

To support learning at home you could practice these aspects with your child:

- Mental maths - adding on 1, taking away 1 with numbers to 10 then numbers to 20 and above.
- Number bonds to 10. (1+9, 2+8 3+7 etc)
- Number bonds to 20 (1+19, 2+18 etc.)
- Doubles (1+1, 2+2, 3+3 etc)
- Recognising and naming 2D and 3D shape

P.E:

PE days for both classes continue to be on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their full P.E kit on these days and it is named. In addition to this the children also have an exciting opportunity to carry out Balance Bike sessions with Jersey Sport.

PSHE: This half term the focus is Dreams and Goals and the theme is success. The children will learn how to set simple goals, to work out how they are going to achieve the goal, to overcome obstacles that may make achieving the goal more difficult and to say how they felt when they succeeded.

RE This half-term our RE topic is Christianity and the theme is Jesus as a friend. Our main learning objective is to identify when it is easy and difficult to show friendship and to explore when Jesus may have found it difficult.

Homework:

Must: Read every day for 10-20 minutes.

Should: Practice reading and spellings of common exception words (below)

Could: Practice some of the skills listed in the Maths section of the letter.

Useful Websites

- Teach Handwriting - <https://teachhandwriting.co.uk/cursive-letters-beginners-choice-3.html>
- Busy Things **Username** = home8972 **Password** = crazy8362

Year 1 Common Exception Words

the
a
do
to
today
of
said
says
are
were
was

is
his
has
I
you
your
they
be
he
me
she
we

no
go
so
by
my
here
there
where
love
come
some

one
once
ask
friend
school
put
push
pull
full
house
our



Key Dates:

Monday 8 th January	Ice Skating
12th February	Half Term

We are looking forward to another great half term!
Thank you for your continued support,
The Year 1 Team!