

## Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter

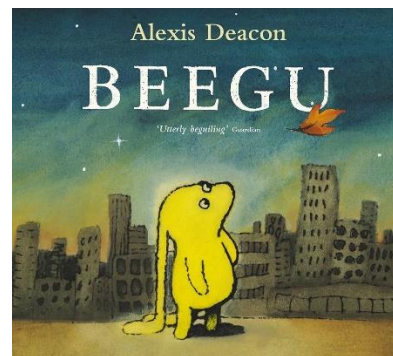


Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for all the exciting learning this half term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts.

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.

**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 are learning why winter is colder than Summer. Shortly, 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 'The Way back home'. We will be writing a Postcard. 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 at the end of term. 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:

- Place Value within 20.
- Measuring mass and volume.

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 Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has their full P.E kit on these days and it is named.

**PSHE:** This half term the focus is on living in the wider community.

**RE** This half-term our RE focus question is: Who is Jewish and where do they live? Our main learning objective is to identify what Jewish culture is and looks like.

## 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.

Please help your child use a knife and fork independently at meal times, this helps develop fine motor skills.

**REMINDER:** Snack should be a fruit or vegetable snack, dips eg: houmous are fine. Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to allergies.

## Useful Websites

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

[Common Exception Words To read and Spell:](#)

Year 1 Common Exception Words			
the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our
	we		

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