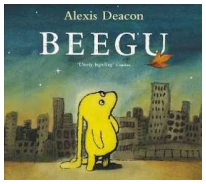
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. The first term of the school year is always a busy one and we are looking forward to it with great excitement.

English



This half term, we are focusing our writing based on the text "Beegu" by Alexis Deacon. The children will be reading and writing about the text and re-telling the story in their own words. They will be revisiting their Year 1 learning, using capital letters and full stops to demarcate sentences.

The children will continue to access the daily Read Write Inc. programme in groups. To continue to develop their reading skills and love of reading, it is important to read at home regularly. The children will be given RWI books to take home each week. Please share these books with your child.



Mathematics

This term, the children will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, and measurement. They have already started the work on place value by counting in tens and comparing numbers (ordering from greatest to smallest). At home, you can encourage your child to practice these skills by looking at numbers in real life (shop prices, house numbers etc).

There are specific times tables which the children learn in Year 2. Once they have been introduced in class and the children have practiced ways to learn them, we will send copies home too.

Science



Animals including Humans - The children will find out about the offspring of a variety of different animals and about the different ways in which animals reproduce. They will explore how humans grow as they get older. They will find out what animals and humans need to survive. They will also learn about how to eat a healthy, balanced diet and why exercise is important to keep their bodies healthy.



PE

2T will have PE on Thursday and 2HC will have PE on Friday this term with Mrs Boyle. Both classes will also take part in a Jersey Bulls football session with Ben on alternating Wednesdays. Please ensure children come into school in PE kit on these days.

Computing



Computing systems and Networks – The children will develop their understanding of what Information Technology is. They will identify devices that are computers and consider how IT can help them both at school and beyond. The childre will learn about the common uses of Information Technology in a context they are familiar with.



History

In History, the children will be learning about the Great Fire of London. They will be developing an awareness of the past and know where people and events they study fit in within a chronological framework. In the unit they will be exploring the causes of the Great Fire, how life differed before and after the fire, as well as about the historical sources that provide us this information.

PSHE

Being me in my World – The children will identify some of my hopes and fears that they have for this year and learn how to recognise when they feel worried and know who to ask for help. They will find out about and understand their rights and responsibilities for being a member of their class and school. They will learn how to listen to other people and contribute their own ideas about their understanding about rewards and consequences. They will work as a class to help to make their class a safe and fair place. They will learn to understand and recognise that the choices that they make can sometimes have consequences

Art



Composition & Tone -This half term the children will learn about the artist Caravaggio and the use of light and shade in his work. They will learn to use a range of pencil gradients and make accurate representations of real objects and scenes that they have carefully observed. They will create some tonal drawings and learn some subject specific terminology, such as tonal range, highlight, shadow, depth. They will learn how to use sketchbooks to record observations, review and revisit ideas and evaluate their artwork.

Music

Mrs Le Brun will be teaching music to both classes every Monday.





Homework

Homework is set every **Monday** and collected in on the following **Monday**. Please remember to also include at least **15 minutes of reading** each night.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask one of us at drop off or pick up or by email.
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Kind regards,

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