

Y1/2 Curriculum Letter

ZOOM! Let's go on a virtual tour of space! Find out the names of the planets. There's Mercury, Neptune, Mars and – do you know any others? Can you create a 'Welcome to Earth' box for an alien explorer? What can you put in it to help explain what life is like on our planet? Would you like to be an astronaut? You'll need a pretty sturdy space buggy if you do! Have a go at making one in your workshop area - it will need to have a moving axel.

Are you ready for take off KS1? Hold on tight!

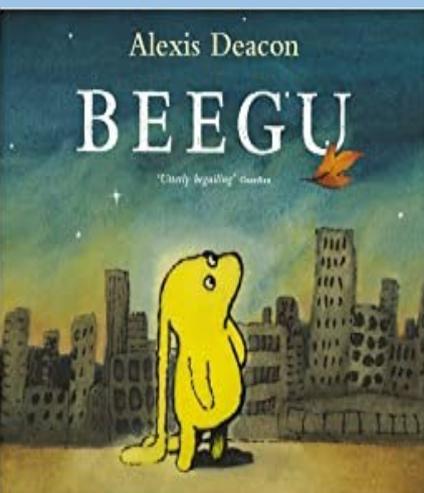
5, 4, 3, 2, 1... BLAST OFF!

**ENGLISH**

Our English this half term will start with an exploration of the story 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will then be creating non-chronological reports based on an imaginary alien.

MATHS

In Maths the Y1s will be working on Place Value (within 20), Fact Families and Shape. The Y2s will be working on Addition and Subtraction, Money and then later in the term, Multiplication and Division.

**SCIENCE**

In Science the children will be comparing the suitability of a range of everyday materials for particular uses, including wood, metal, plastic and glass and then making a 'Welcome to Earth' box for an alien explorer. They will also be exploring light circuits and carrying out a rocket investigation.

HISTORY

The children will be finding out about the history of space exploration and famous space men and women. They will be discussing how space travel has changed over the years and then showing what they have learnt by creating fact files .

LEARNING THIS HALF TERM**ART & DESIGN**

This half term we will be learning lots about planets. The children will be creating their own artistic images of the planets using different medias.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

In DT the children will be planning and designing their own space buggy's using junk modelling materials. They will be taught how to make a moving axel.

MUSIC

All the learning for our music this half term is focused around one song: 'Ho Ho Ho' - a Christmas song. The children will listen to & appraise other styles of music and continue to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and playing.

PE

In PE the children will be developing their hit catch and run skills in their outdoor sessions. Indoor PE will be dance. Please continue to send your child in their PE kits on their class PE days.

RE

In RE our theme will be 'Christmas'. We will be holding our own KS1 Christingle service in the last week of half term. We will be asking the children to bring in an orange for this.

COMPUTING

The children will learn how to plan and enter a sequence of instructions using the BeeBots. They will also be making alien pictures by using computer software to create and fill shapes.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography the children will be learning how to recognise key geographical features using photographs and aerial photographs.