



# Kinder Advent 2 Newsletter

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready to be back at school. Here is an overview of our learning for this half term.

## English

In English, this half term we will be using the text 'Beegu' to teach the children how to write for different purposes. The children will be learning how to write speech bubbles, thought bubbles and questions.

They will be encouraged to consider others feelings, make predictions and infer. Whilst discovering the adventures that 'Beegu' finds herself on, the children will learn how to upskill their writing by adding time connectives, suffixes and conjunctions.

The Reception children will continue to enjoy learning through stories and play. They will engage with good quality texts, re-tell and sequence stories, begin mark-making and writing initial sounds.



## Whole School Writing Week

After listening to the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit', the Christmas tree decorations are inspired to revolt and demand better conditions to live and work. They're tired of being moved around, having tinsel round their ears and being batted off the tree by the cat. How can we convince them to come back?



## Maths

In Maths, this half term we will be using White Rose Maths. Year 1 we will be focusing on:

Geometry –

- Recognising, sorting and naming 3D shapes
- Making patterns with 2D and 3D shapes

Place Value –

- Gaining a deeper understanding of numbers 10 – 20
- Using a number line to support addition and subtraction
- Estimating and comparing numbers to 20

Reception will be focusing on:

Place Value –

- Finding, representing and subitising objects 1 – 5
- Finding 1 more and 1 less

Shapes –

- Identifying and naming shapes with 4 sides
- Looking for shapes in the environment

## R.E

We will start this half term by learning about Judaism and in particular the stories of Abraham and Moses.

The children will also be learning 'The Christmas Story' and are very excited about our Christmas play!

# Science

What does Beegu think of life on planet Earth?

The children will learn to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made, identify and name a variety of everyday materials, and describe the simple physical properties of materials.

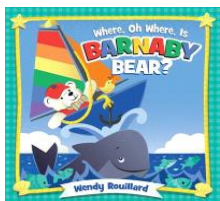
The children will enjoy being scientists, carrying out experiments and finding out!

# Topic

In Geography, the children will continue to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas.

The children will enjoy sampling food from the different countries of the UK and learning about the differing landscapes and landmarks.

We will be following 'Barnaby Bear' on his travels through the UK!



# Design & Technology

This half term, we will design, make and evaluate a moon buggy for Beegu. The children will identify the equipment needed and how they will join the materials together. They will use junk modelling materials to make the body of their buggy. Finally, the children will evaluate the success of their vehicle and say how they could improve it.



# Reading

The children are enjoying reading and sharing stories. Year 1 children will continue to bring home their reading scheme book on a Wednesday and return to school on a Monday. Please try to read with your children as regularly as possible. In addition to their reading scheme book, all children will bring home a library book to share. This will be changed in school on Mondays. Reception children will continue to share 'story sacks' with Mrs Hulley on Wednesday's. Please make sure these are returned to school each Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support. This half term we will be running a phonics workshop for parents. It would be lovely to see you there. In preparation for the year 1 phonics screening, the children have enjoyed playing 'Picnic on Pluto'

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) This is a free resource and a great tool to learn to read pseudo words.

# How can you help?

## Weekly Homework

Homework will be sent home every Monday. The homework set will be an extension or a recap of the work done in class. If you require any guidance with this, please ask. We are always happy to help. Please return the completed homework by the following Monday.

Every Friday your child will receive spellings. The spelling test will take place on Fridays. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings.

Remember to read every night with your child and sign their diary too!

**Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please don't hesitate to contact us.**

**Mrs Fletcher and Miss Osborne**