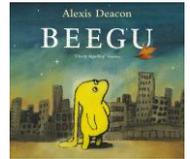


Reception Curriculum Details ~ Autumn 2 2020



Welcome back! It was lovely to receive such positive feedback about the transition to school at the recent Parent-Teacher meetings and to hear how the photos of the children's self-initiated activities on Tapestry are being shared at home.

Our focus text this half term is 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. a story of belonging. We will be exploring Beegu's feelings at different points in the story and we will relate Beegu's feelings to our own experiences.



We will also be hearing the stories associated with a number of festivals and key events which take place over the coming weeks, including the Christmas story, and its significance to Christians. Please see our 'Reception Knowledge Organiser' for more details.



Each day we have a Maths focused carpet session. The children are regularly counting to 20 and beyond. They will be comparing lengths and heights, developing their understanding of time, writing and partitioning numbers, identifying 2D shapes and exploring symmetry.

When we have introduced all the Set 1 sounds, our focus moves to blending and segmenting to read and write. Please continue to revisit the sounds at home; both reading and writing, to ensure the children are secure in their phonic knowledge and letter formation. The first sets of High Frequency words will come home in a few weeks, along with games (and instructions!) to develop the children's sight vocabulary.



Children change the book in their book bag daily and we hope you enjoy sharing it with them at home. Please encourage your child to draw or write in their blue liaison book, and continue to use this book for any messages. When your child is blending confidently, s/he will start to bring home high frequency words lists and move on to scheme reading books.

The children have enjoyed their Welly Wednesday activities each week and it has been lovely to join with our friends in Year 1 and 2 for some of the sessions. We will continue to observe seasonal changes and will be out in all weathers! Please make sure the children have a warm top, gloves and a hat (as well as waterproofs) in their WW bag as it gets colder.



PE lessons will take place on Thursdays; the children will be following a Games unit with lessons in the Hall. Reception also have two sessions of football with a coach from Kidderminster Harriers. These lessons will (hopefully) be held outside.

'Show and Tell' takes place every Friday. The children are welcome to bring one item from home to talk about and show the rest of the class in circle time. Every effort is made to keep things safe, but please don't send in anything too precious! Please can the item brought in fit inside a bookbag as it has to be stored away safely once we have finished our 'Show and Tell'.

Sadly, our Reception trips and visits for this half term have been cancelled due to COVID19. However, we are very much looking forward to our annual Reception/Key Stage 1 Christmas production. This year we will be performing 'Prickly Hay'. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have an audience in the Hall, but we will be arranging an alternative way of sharing our performance. Details will follow...



Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns, no matter how small. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term in the lead up to Christmas.

Karen Smith and Mandy Parkes