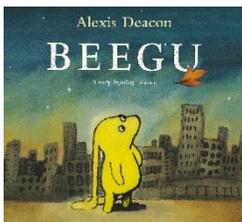


Our quality text this half term is: **'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon**

**Key vocabulary:**

Stranded	Unable to leave somewhere because of a problem
Lost	Not knowing where you are
Signal	An action/movement/sound which gives information or a message
Lonely	Unhappy because you are not with others

Beegu's spacecraft is **stranded** on Earth. Now she is **lost** and wandering. Waiting for a rescue **signal** from her mother, she fails to make friends with the strange creatures she encounters. Rabbits don't seem to understand her, windblown leaves won't stay still to listen. She is **lonely**. At last, on a school playground, Beegu discovers a group of fantastic companions who are happy to let her join their games... until a grown-up creature spoils the fun.



Beegu is 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.

During this half term, we will be exploring a number of festivals and key events:

**Bonfire Night (5.11.20)**

*'Remember, remember the fifth of November,  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
We see no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.'*  
We will hear the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.



**Remembrance Day (11.11.20)**

We will be making poppies and talking about their significance. Everybody will mark the traditional two-minute silence at 11am in their classrooms, rather than in the Hall this year.



Practise reading and writing **numbers to 10:**



**Self-care**

Please encourage children to dress and undress independently. This is a great help in school when we change for Welly Wednesday and PE. As the weather gets colder, please ensure children can put on and take off their own coats. Thank you!



**Divali (beginning 14.11.20)**

Divali is an annual five-day Hindu festival of Light. We will hear the story of Rama and Sita and find out how they overcame the ten-headed demon Ravana.



**Advent (beginning 29.11.20)**

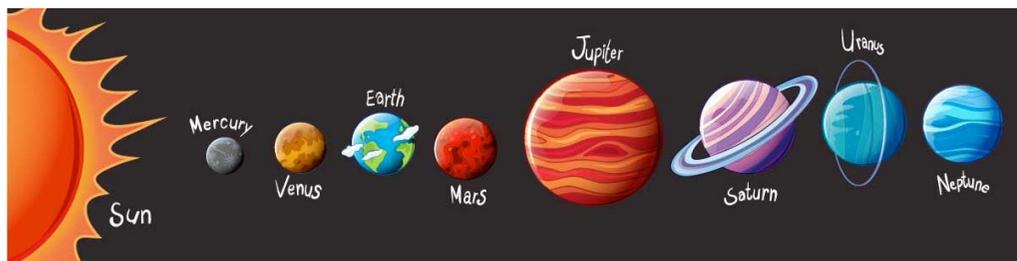
Advent means 'coming' and while the children will be excited that Christmas is coming, Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We will explore Advent traditions including calendars and wreaths.



**The Planets in our Solar System**

'My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Naming Planets' (Pluto is currently classed as a dwarf planet.)



**Hannukah (beginning 10.12.20)**

Hannukah is an annual Jewish festival of lights. The celebrations last for 8 days.

The lighting of the Hannukiah reminds Jews of a miracle in which the menorah in the temple kept burning for eight days, when there was only enough oil for one.



**Christmas (25.12.20)**

The children will listen to the traditional Christmas story retelling Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The story is at the heart of our Reception and Key Stage One Nativity.

This year we will be performing **'Prickly Hay'** by Mary Cliff and Kelly Fort.

