

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another fantastic week of learning in Year One! This week the children were super excited to have a crash-landing visit from an alien! We have been learning all about the story "Beegu" and thinking about how the alien felt at different parts of the story. We have also enjoyed continuing our learning on subtraction and relating it to addition. We were super impressed with the children's rain gauges so thank you for your bottle donations; we will be using them to support our science learning about weather this term.

We have begun to get into the festive spirit and started practising our Nativity songs! Today your child will have brought home a letter explaining what they need to wear for the performance and any lines they may need to practise if they have a speaking part. **Please make sure you bring in the costumes in a labelled bag by the 27th November for our dress rehearsals.**

Anti-Bullying Week: This week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is 'make a noise about bullying'. The children will be thinking about how bullying makes others feel and how we can support someone if they are being bullied. **Please remember that children can wear odd socks to kick-start the week on Monday 13th November!** We will also be making a sock puppet and will be using them to role play different ways of being a good friend. **Every child would need to bring in a labelled sock before Tuesday 14th November so they can make their sock puppet.**

English: We will continue to look at the story "Beegu" and develop the children's inference skills when considering how the character is feeling. We will be writing letters to the children who looked after Beegu in the story.

Phonics: We will be learning the sounds: y (making the ee sound e.g. baby) and al (making the all sound e.g. walk) and recapping all of the sounds we have been learning this term.

Maths: We will continue to work on subtraction and addition using stories, number lines, and relating it to addition facts. We will be encouraging pupils to make links in their learning e.g. $2+8=10$, so $10-2=8$ and create 8 facts.

Science: We will continue to look at the season of autumn and the weather. We will be going on an autumn walk around the school and identifying the seasonal changes.

DT: We will be using pivots to make wheel mechanisms. The children will create their own rotating weather chart by making a rotating wheel with different weather options. This is a great way to link their science and DT learning this term.

History: We will be comparing the features of toys from different decades. We will be looking at toys from the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s and 2010s. If you have any toys at home from any of these decades, please could your child bring them into school with a label and the correct decade so that we can use them as an artefact in our lesson, e.g. a game boy, yoyo, childhood doll.

PSHE: We are identifying and discussing what makes us different from our friends e.g. hair colour, and likes and dislikes.

Computing: We are starting our topic on pictograms on Purple Mash and making a class pictogram based on our favourite toys to show that data can be represented in picture format.

At home you could:

- Please continue to read with your child for 10 minutes every day and remember to also write in their reading records.
- Continue recapping the phonics sounds using the booklets at the back of your reading records.
- Practise the nativity lines and songs with your children.

PSHE CODE: To Access our PSHE curriculum, please visit: <https://jigsawpshe.online/parent> and enter the code: 000*-693

Diary Dates:

Monday 13th November - children can wear odd socks to kick-start Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 17th November - Children in Need mufti Day - The theme for this year is Spottacular so we encourage children to come in spotty clothing, or to decorate their hair with spots! Please donate by dropping money into buckets in the playground.

Friday 17th November - 2.15pm: Safeguarding session with Miss Morris for Parent volunteers

Tuesday 21st November - 9.10am - 10.10am: Christmas Craft Morning. Parents are invited into their child's class to create a Christmas decoration with them. Please note this will be limited to one parent per child and no younger siblings.

PE

All classes - Multi-sports every Thursday morning

Library

Children will be visiting the library once a week and will be able to borrow a book. We ask that their library book is in their book bag so that they can change it on their library day.

Tuesday - Fox Class

Wednesday - Squirrel Class

Friday - Hedgehog Class

Thank you
The Year 1 team