

# Year 1 Term 4 Newsletter

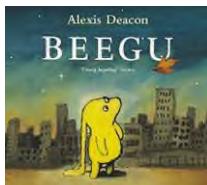
## Welcome to Term 2

Dear Parents/ Carers,

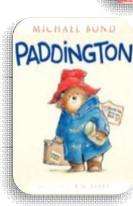
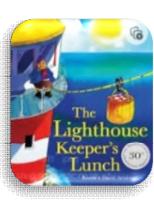
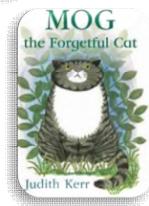
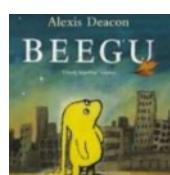
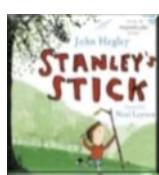
We hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break. We are excited for another term of great learning experiences.

We have two new texts to share with the children – Beegu and Paddington. We will be creating a fiction (narrative) and non-fiction (diary) final outcome using these texts this term.

Within both final outcomes, we will show off our skills of applying our phonic knowledge whilst continuing to build upon our understanding of sentence construction and the importance of capital letters and full stops. We are now learning new Phase 5 sounds as part of our daily phonics teaching so perhaps you can ask your child to share the new GPC each day.



In reading we are excited to introduce our Term 4 'book cannon'. All of our texts this term are linked to the world around us. We will be sharing a new text each week developing fluency, comprehension and a love of reading.



In Maths this term we will be looking at addition and subtraction facts of the numbers 17-20, fractions (including halves and quarters), along with positional and directional language.

In Science we are continuing to explore 'Everyday Materials'. We will be focusing on grouping materials based on their properties. The properties which we will be investigating are absorbency, waterproofness and toughness.

We will have weekly lessons in PSHE, RE, British Values, History, Design and Technology, Computing and Online Safety. In DT we will be making our own sandwiches. In the process we will be learning about where food comes from, as well as some taste testing!

In PE our topic is net and wall games. The children will learn attacking and defending principles and develop their throwing, catching and tracking skills.

We are lucky to be continuing our African drumming lessons with the Swindon Music Service. The children are really enjoying their weekly lessons.

We are excited for our next year group trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May (Term 6) more information will be provided about the trip later this term.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. Homework for this term will be phonics practice for our new Phase 5 GPCs.

Reading records will be sent home for you to annotate and sign. Each Friday, your child will be allocated a phonics level book - please record reads in their reading record. We ask that children read at least 5 times a week to an adult. Reads are counted and then celebrated in assembly. Please note that we can only count a maximum of one read per day. Reading groups will continue. We will update the class notice board and email you any changes. Please can you endeavour to arrive for these groups at the set time as some children are currently missing their groups.

Please email if there is anything you wish to discuss

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