



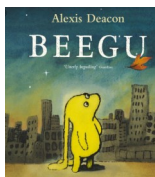
Holly 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2



Welcome back to a brand new half term at Bearwood. We hope that you had a fantastic fun filled half term and that the children are keen to get started on their new learning. This newsletter is to let you know about all of the exciting things that the children will be learning in Holly 1 over the next half term.

English

This half term we are studying the book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. Our learning will begin with a crash landing of Beegu's spaceship in our playground to hook the children into their learning. In our reading lessons we will be concentrating on the skills of prediction and inference when answering questions based around the story. During our writing lessons we will be writing about the friend and planet we design for Beegu as well as getting into role as Beegu and writing a postcard back to the 'Little Ones' on Earth.



We will continue to focus on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly in our writing. We will also continue to use our 'grow the code' mats help us identify the correct graphemes to use when writing words.

Phonics

Holly 1 will continue to have daily phonics sessions where we will revisit previously taught graphemes as well as learn a variety of new graphemes as we learn to 'grow the code.'

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PE

We have PE lessons every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** so please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit on these days. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**. This half term in PE we will be focusing on 'net and wall' and 'sending and receiving.'

Children who have recently had their ears pierced should cover them with tape, but once they have healed they must not wear earrings for any PE lessons. Please provide your children with tape and show them how to use **it**

Outstanding Bearwood Pupil - Holly 1

At the beginning of Holly 1, we discussed what an Outstanding Pupil in our class would be like. We agreed that an Outstanding Bearwood Pupil would:

- Respect the rights of others.
- Listen to others and share their own ideas.
- Take pride in their learning.

The children printed their handprint and this is now on display in our classroom.

Music: In Music this half term, we will be focusing on rhythm and pitch. The children will be listening to and responding to well-known nursery rhymes and as well as learning to play the notes C, D and E on a glockenspiel to a backing track.



RE: In RE this half term, we will be learning about how Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas time.

Computing: In Computing, we will be learning what video is and what devices can make video. This will then lead to the children recording their own TV recipe show.

Curriculum Enrichment

The children will be provided with a variety of creative learning opportunities, such as outdoor learning experiences, art, drama and role play during this learning journey.

The children will also be taking part in our Christmas show which we look forward to sharing with you later in the term.



PSHCE

We will continue to follow the PSHCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Celebrating difference'.



Home Learning

Please continue to read at home and practise the children's phonics and tricky words with them.

If you would like to come in and talk about any of our learning this half term then please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

We are really looking forward to another fun-filled half term in Holly 1!

Mr Thomas

