

'What happens if my environment changes?'

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 2 2023

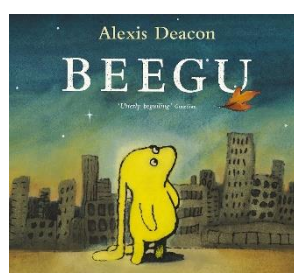
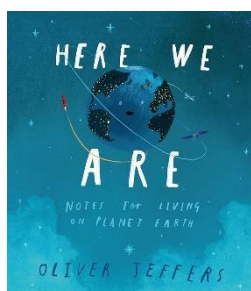
Dear Families,

We hope you are all looking forward to a restful half term. Term 2 is an exciting term as we lead up to Christmas! We have lots of wonderful learning planned linked to our terms big question; 'What happens if my environment changes?'. We hope the children will enjoy learning about plants, their local environment and how it has changed, and creating collage with different materials in art, plus much more!

'What happens if my environment changes?'

This topic will support the children in understanding how plants grow and how our local and wider environment has changed over time.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



This term we are asking for grown-ups help!

During art we will be using collage materials in the first week and the last week of term 2. To support the children with their learning, we would like to ask you to collect collage materials (e.g. magazines, wrapping paper, fabric, parcel paper, corrugated cardboard) in preparation for their learning. We would be grateful if you could please send the collage materials into school with your child.


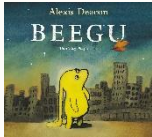




















Useful information

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day. We use their books daily so these need to be placed in a box by the gate on their way into school.
- The children will need a **named coat, hat and gloves** in school as the weather starts to get colder and wetter.
- **Forest School - Thursday 2nd November**
- Our PE days are **Mondays and Fridays** but PE kits should be in all week and taken home at the end of each term to be washed.
- **Please label all clothes and items in school.** The children will be encouraged to put their jumpers in their bags, if we find any items which haven't got names on these will be placed in our class jumper box and taken outside for you to look through at the end of each day.
- **Unless agreed with teachers** - Please could all toys remain at home.

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be looking at and some of the work we will be doing in teacher focussed activities and group work.

Nativity - After half term, the children will start practicing lines and songs for our Nativity. Please keep a look out for these being sent home.

'What happens if our environment changes?' Learning Map Term 2 2023

<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Settings</p> 	<p>Story writing</p> 	<p>Christmas poetry</p> 	
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Addition and subtraction continued</p> 		<p>Shape</p> 	
<p>Science</p>	<p>Plants</p> 	<p>Scientific enquiry</p> 	<p>Observing</p> 	<p>Recording</p> 
<p>Geography</p> <p>What is special about where I live? How has it changed?</p>	<p>Maps</p> 	<p>Seasons</p> 	<p>School, home and local area</p> 	
<p>Music</p>	<p>Local music and nativity songs</p> 			
<p>ICT</p>	<p>Algorithms</p> 		<p>Questioning</p> 	
<p>PSHE</p>			<p>Celebrating Difference</p> 	
<p>Art</p>	<p>Art from different cultures</p> 		<p>Materials to create art</p> 	
<p>RE</p> <p>Why does Christmas matter to Christians?</p>	<p>Jesus linked to Christians.</p> 		<p>Christmas story</p> 	

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the reading record book. These will be counted at the end of each term and celebrated during our Friday assembly.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Little Wandle Phonics books will be changed every Monday. Beyond this, children will be on a coloured reading phase and can change these as frequently as they need to.</p>
Spellings and homework	<p>Spellings will be given out each week - Please practice these words with your child at home in their spelling book. These will then be tested in school and scores will be written in the book at the end of the week for you to see.</p> <p>A maths overview of our learning will also be given out. Please use this to reinforce what we have been learning with your child.</p> <p>An overview of the phonics being taught will also be sent home. This will outline the phonemes and graphemes we have taught. Please practice these with your child.</p>
Maths	<p>BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> <p>Purple Mash Times Tables Games: https://www.purplemash.com/</p> <p>Search for 'speed tests' and then choose the one that you would like to practise.</p>

 **New for Term 2** 

Show and Tell will now take place on a Thursday.

We hope you all have lovely term supporting the children in their learning. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Pike and Mrs Fry