



Termly Learning Letter

YEAR ONE



Our Planet!



Welcome back and a Happy new Year to you all!

Our amazing topic for this half term is called 'Our Planet'. We will be thinking all about our world and caring for our planet. In Science we will be learning about animal classifications. We will learn the key features of the different animal groups; birds, reptiles and mammals and which animals are in each category. We will also continue to identify seasonal changes with a focus on Winter.



In Geography, we will build on last term's learning about the UK, and we will be learning all about our planet Earth. We will name and locate the continents, different countries and consider their differing climates. We will learn about the poles and the equator and use this to discover hot and cold climates and their locations.

In Art our focus artist will be Freidensreich Hundertwasser. We will be looking at his work and appreciating it, as well as using a range of media to recreate some of these landscapes, alongside observational drawings.

In our Music sessions, we will be listening and responding carefully to different pieces of music, finding the pulse and keeping in time to the music using various instruments and body movements. We will also be creating our own march based on Colonel Hathi's march, before experimenting and composing music with a water theme. We will also learn new songs as we love singing!

In PSHE we will find out all about rules and why we need them. This includes caring for others and looking after our planet, which links to our Christian value for the term Compassion. We will also be thinking and sharing ways to keep safe online, managing our screen time and reiterating who our trusted adults are.

In RE we will be looking at the story of creation, once again focusing on the religions of Christianity and Judaism.

We also have many carefully selected high quality texts for story time that link to Our Planet, we cannot wait to start reading them.

These include: *The Odd Fish, Lost and Found, The Snail and the Whale, The Way Back Home, Free-Range Freddie and Where the Wild Things Are.*

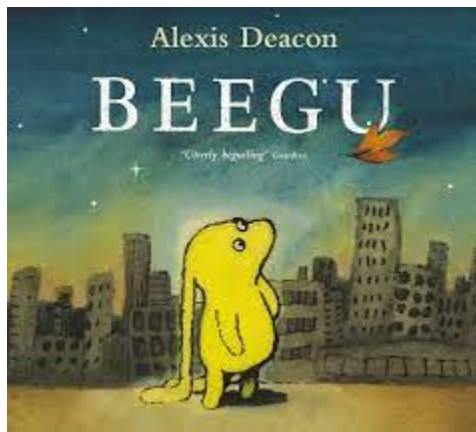
As always, we will also be doing two PE sessions per week.

New Vocabulary will include: creation, compassion, continents (and the names of these), animal classifications (e.g. reptile, amphibian, mammal, herbivore and carnivore), music terminology such as pace and pitch.



English

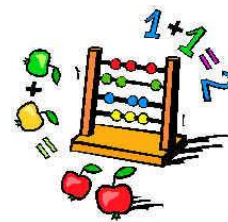
In English our Talk for Writing focus story is 'Beegu'. We will learn how to retell the story, describe Beegu and write different reports. We will also learn all about suffixes and use these in our writing. We also have an alien who has joined our class! Can he stay or should he go home?



New Vocabulary: supposed, perfect, 'un' words such as unhappy, unlucky, unclear.

Maths

In Year One we follow a maths scheme called White Rose Maths. This term, we will cover: Place Value within 20 and Addition and Subtraction within 20. This will extend our knowledge, enable us to recall and use number bonds and build on the learning we did in the Autumn term.



We will also continue our "Mastering Number" programme, using short, practical activities to develop pupils' confidence, and understanding of number. These are 10 minute daily sessions and are in addition to our maths lessons.

New Vocabulary: tens, ones, subtract, plus, estimate, compare etc.

Phonics information and reading

As always, we place huge emphasis on the importance of regular reading practice both in and out of school. Every child will be allocated a Reading Practice group and will read three times with their group each week. Books will be changed each Monday.

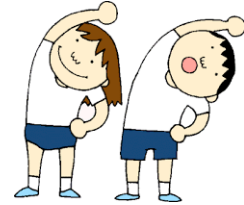
Please ensure that your child brings their reading practice book and reading record to school each day so that we can assess and record their progress appropriately. Hearing your child read at least 3x a week is very valuable in developing their reading skills and their love of reading! We cannot emphasise this enough!! Often short bursts of reading are more beneficial than a long time once a week.



Our daily lessons will take the same format and build on the phonics teaching from last term. This progresses quickly and so practicing new sounds and spellings is vital. Please practise reading both tricky words, words with our new sounds in and also spellings at home. If you have any questions, please just ask your child's class teacher.

Extra helpful info

Children will be doing PE on different days throughout the term, so it is important that your child has their PE kit in school every week so that they can fully engage in activities. Long hair must be in a ponytail and earrings covered with micropore tape for safety.



All children will be taking part in Forest school again this term. We will inform you when it is your child's turn through a separate letter, along with any clothing they may need, so please keep an eye out for this!

Homework Challenges

These can be handed in at any point up until half term and be done in any format – photos, videos, writing, drawings, or any other type of artwork. Please choose from the following:

- You could research and find out all about a continent or country that you have never visited, maybe use an atlas or the internet. Can you create a fact file or poster?
- Design clothes for a hot and a cold country, what would be the best things to wear and why? Could you make them for a teddy?
- Create a poster to explain important facts about an animal classification – birds, mammals or reptiles. Remember to include examples of different animals that are included in the classification.
- Find out more about the animals that live in a hot climate or a cold climate and how they have adjusted to this.
- Think about the climate that we have in England, what is it like? What do we need to remember in Summer or Winter? Could you write a little postcard to a friend?
- Create a story board to retell the Creation Story or use some small world to re-enact it. You could bring these in and share them or take a video.



Other Homework Ideas **These could be practised weekly.**

Week 1

- Design and describe your own alien.
- Practise writing different words containing the sound 'ai'. Think about if this needs a, ai, ay or a-e and which one looks correct. Can you use a book and create a list?

- Can you recall all number bonds to 10? Can you find them in order?

Week 2

- We have described Beegu in school. If Beegu were to write all about you what would she say? Remember to use full stops, capital letters and leave finger spaces between your words.
- Can you write and order numbers to 20? What are these numbers made up of? E.g. 14 is one ten and four ones.

Week 3

- Practise forming numbers correctly, making sure that they all face the same way.
- Make up your own story using different objects. Can you incorporate some good story telling language like 'Once upon a time' or 'long ago' etc.
- Compose and write a sentence using the word 'and', this can be about anything you like!
- Can you recall one more and one less than a given number? How fast can you recall them? Why not make a Bingo game using this knowledge?

Week 4

- Retell the story of Beegu to your family.
- Write a simple sentence to tell your favourite part of the story.
- Practise writing one armed robot letters, remember they all start at the top and go down and back up again. Practise the letters m, n, r, p, b, k, h, k. What words can you make with these letters in?
- Can you order numbers to 20? How can you check? Can you choose a selection and order them from smallest to largest? (e.g. 1, 5, 8, 14. 20)

Week 5

- Can you design and label a spaceship for Beegu to fly home in?
- Write 4 sentences to describe your perfect place. Now ask a family member about their perfect place. What was the same/ different?
- Can you find out doubles? You could use raisins or toys to work out doubles to 5.

Week 6

- Practise ordering numbers to create your own number line? Can you find out which number is missing? How do you know?
- Can you write a fact family? Choose a way of making 20 and try to write all the addition and then all of the subtraction sentences that go with it. If you can find them all there will be 4 additions and 4 subtractions.
- Write a report about a place you have visited or an adventure you have been on.