



Class 1/2F Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff: Happy New Year to you all! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready to start the New Year. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term and we hope the children will be excited to share this with you.

Class Topic: To Infinity and Beyond

This half term we will be traveling into space and learning all about the planets and the famous moon landing in 1969. Children will find out about the Apollo 11 crew and Neil Armstrong's famous words *'That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.'*



Science: Seasonal Changes

During this unit, children will start to recognise different types of weather and how they happen. They will observe the changes that occur over the seasons, the study of local climates and weather, but also how it is different around Earth.

Maths:

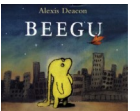


Year 1 children will begin by learning about numbers up to 20. We will then move on to explore the different methods we can use to help us solve addition and subtraction problems.

Year 2 children will continue to develop strategies to help them multiply and divide before moving onto statistics and shape towards the end of the half term.

English:

Children in year 1 will be reading the text 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will be working on using capital letters, full stops and question marks in the correct places. We will be using adjectives to write a character description. Will then finish off by looking at non-fiction texts to help us write a guide to planet Earth.



Children in year 2 will begin by learning about the adventures of Bob: Man on the moon through reading the story book by Simon Bartram. We will create character profiles and learn how to use apostrophes for possession. We will explore a range of conjunctions and suffixes, as well as develop a better awareness of different types of punctuation. We will finish the topic by looking at non-fiction books and newspaper reports.



PHSE: Dreams and Goals

In this unit we will focus on our successes and achievements. We will identify our strengths and how we can help each other to grow and learn.

RE: How and why do people pray?

This unit further develops prior learning on understanding the world, people and communities. Pupils will be able to develop their questioning about belief and why and how people pray.

How to help at home.

Your child's reading book will be changed 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Please make sure that you write a comment in their reading record to show how they are getting on with the book they have been given. This way, we can make sure that your child is reading the books they can understand and enjoy. You do not always have to read the entire book every night. Focus on 2 pages and talk about the characters, setting and plot in a lot of detail.

Days/Dates to remember:

PE this term will be on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Please send your child with the correct PE kit on these days.

Homework is given out every **Friday**. Spellings can be practiced both on paper and/or on Spelling Shed, ready for the weekly spelling tests on Friday. Please also check your child's seesaw account. Sometimes we also pop activities here to be completed.