

Year 1/2 Topic Overview- Spring 1: Space

English

Our English this half term will be based on the book *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon. We will be exploring the story in depth and writing a letter to *Beegu* as well as our own versions of the *Beegu* story. Children will be using drama to support their understanding.

Maths

Y1: Place value for numbers to 20, addition and subtraction within 20 (including crossing 10) and doubles.
Y2: Money: Recognising and counting with British coins and notes, selecting coins and giving change. Multiplication through arrays and repeated addition. Division through grouping and sharing.

Science

This half term we are learning about the seasons and seasonal changes in the UK. We will be making weather stations to monitor rainfall, wind direction and temperature. We will be recording our data and turning this into charts and graphs.

Art

In Art we will be looking at the work of the artist Peter Thorpe, whose work is inspired by space. We will learn about primary colours and how to mix them to make secondary colours. We will also practise a range of painting techniques.

Geography

We are learning about the weather around the UK and will be devising our own weather maps showing average weather in the UK in summer and winter. We will learn how to use a compass and a map to follow and give directions. We will also be learning or recapping the names of countries and capital cities of the UK and continents and oceans around the world.

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Computing

We will be using Chrome Music Lab to create music and compose our own piece of music inspired by The Planets by Gustav Holst.

PSHE

This half term we are learning about the importance of family and friends. Children will be learning about skills for developing healthy friendships. They will explore why families are important for children as they grow up and we will be reading the book 'We are Family' by Patricia Hegarty.

PE

This half term, our PE focus is:

- **Dance**
- **Basketball:** dribbling skills, passing the ball, defending and attacking skills.

Music

In music we will be focusing on active listening. We will be listening to and appraising music including Hedwigs theme from Harry Potter and The Four Seasons by Vivaldi.

RE

Our big question this half term is: Why are some books special? We will be learning about the importance of the Bible, Torah and Qur'an and will be learning and retelling stories from them.

Parent Consultations

These will take place the week commencing the 4th of February.

Further information will be sent out via the office. If your child has an APDR or EHCP, your child's class teacher will arrange a separate meeting.