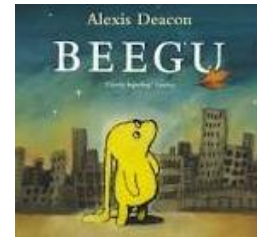


## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have read the book **Beegu** by Alexis Deacon. We thought of some questions that we would like to ask Beegu about where she came from and how she felt. We have begun our own story retelling and will continue with this next week.

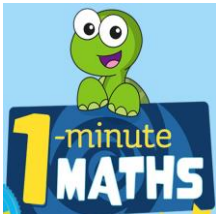


This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'se' as in cheese and mouse, 'o' as in brother, 'ou' as in young, 'ce' as in dance and 'ey' as in donkey. Our tricky words for the week have been: through, thought, friend and work. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In Maths, we have been learning to count in groups of five. Using gloves, hands and 5p coins the children have explored different things that come in a group of 5 and how we can count them efficiently.

One key aspect of Maths is fluency. It is important for children to have a range of number facts at their fingertips which they can use flexibly to help them solve problems and calculations. These range from addition and subtraction strategies (e.g. doubling, number bonds to 10/20) to multiplication and division facts.

White Rose Maths Hub have released an app called "One Minute Maths" which is suitable for devices running Android and IOS. It is aimed to help children in Reception and Key Stage 1 develop their addition and subtraction fluency skills and to recognise key facts quickly. Many of the key facts practised on the app are key for children in Year 1 to have automatic recall of. Feel free to download the app from the App Store and use this as an additional tool at home to support your child's mathematical development.



In indoor PE, we have started a new unit on Dance. This week, we have been creating an Antarctica themed dance routine. In outdoor PE, we have begun to learn the skills needed to play tennis.

In Art, we put our understanding of colour mixing into practice and recreated our own versions of the artwork '0-9' by the artist Jasper Johns.



Thank you to everyone who has booked a Parent/Teacher consultation appointment. We look forward to speaking to you on Tuesday or Thursday.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson