

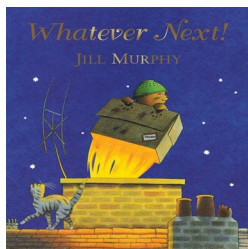


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**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year R Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Spring 1 2022**

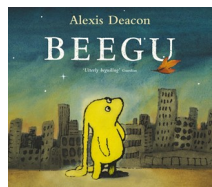


**English**

We will be building up our confidence writing sentences this half term, by reading a range of genres (information, instructions and stories) and also writing our own with these different purposes.



Our key books this term will be:



- Whatever Next
- Beegu
- Back to Earth with a Bump

**Understanding the World**

We will be getting the children talk about their homes and what there is to do near their homes? We will introduce the children to NASA and discuss some significant figures who have been to space and begin to understand that these events happened before they were born.

**Weekly schedules:**

Library in on a Thursday  
 PE is on a Thursday (please come to school on this day in PE kit)

**Physical Development**

We will be continuing our Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills. We will be continuing to learn a variety of gymnastic skills, using large apparatus. We will continue to have access to physical development opportunities through our play also, such as the bikes and large construction.

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**RE**

RE this half term focuses on celebrations and different religious festivals.

**PSHCE**

PSCHE focuses on celebrating difference.

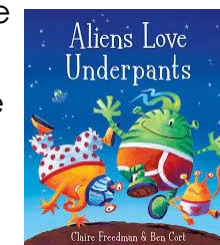
**General Introduction:**

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an excellent break and are looking forward to the New Year. Firstly all the staff in Reception class would like to thank you for all the kind gifts and words that were sent to us for Christmas, we were completely overwhelmed by your generosity.

We are excited about our new Topic, A Ticket to ride, this will look at transport and journeying to Space. We hope to run a Space Day at the end of this half term where we will need parent volunteers to help run activities. If you are able to do this please let one of us know and we will add you to the list.

**Mathematics**

We will be focussing on counting securely up to 10 and using these numbers to add and subtract as well as recognising our number bonds within these. We will be using the vocabulary of more, fewer, one more/less and estimating. We will also use the text Aliens Love Underpants to look at shapes and shape patterns.





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**Communication and Language;**

Through our topic, we will be learning how to answer how and why questions after listening to stories, learning new vocabulary and thinking about speaking clearly and listening carefully to those we are talking with.

**Final word**

Just a few reminders:  
 Please check your child's book bag as sometimes there are letters in there for you. Please make sure that all school uniform, PE kits and coats are named. We do our best to make sure that each child goes home with the right items and if they are named it makes the process much quicker.

Show and Tell will be continuing and the new timetable and suggested theme is to the right. Your child will also have access to Numbots as well as Bug Club. A separate letter will be coming out to explain this at the beginning of next week.  
 Thank you again for all your support.  
 Team R

Please note: This is only a guide. Due to the nature of Early Years the learning follows the children's interests, so other activities may crop up as the children change and learn.

**Personal, Social and Emotional**

We will be encouraging the children to think about their own feelings and those of others by giving examples of how others might feel in particular scenarios.

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**Show and Tell (Theme—Something to do with Space or a Toy)**

- 07/01/22—Ascott
- 14/01/22—Claydon
- 21/01/22—Hartwell
- 28/01/22—Mentmore
- 04/02/22—Ascott
- 11/02/22—Claydon
- 18/02/22—Hartwell
- (Theme—Something you have drawn, made or created)**
- 04/03/22—Mentmore
- 11/03/22—Ascott
- 28/03/22—Claydon
- 25/03/22—Hartwell
- 01/04/22—Mentmore
- 08/04/22—No Show & Tell

**How you can support your child at home:**

Please continue to use Tapestry to load things the children may have completed or made at home. Visits and new experiences that the children have had. The children love sharing these with the rest of the class and it helps to support our assessments of your child.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be designing and making rockets , thinking about form and function. We will be learning how to combine a range of materials for different purposes.

**Important Dates:**

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| Tues 4th Jan | INSET DAY   |
| Wed 5th Jan  | Children back to school                               |
| Wed 19th Jan | Parent/Carer Maths Information evening @ 5.30pm – tbc |
| Tues 2nd Feb | Talk Tuesday  |
| Fri 11th Feb | Make-a-Wish charity fundraiser – muffin day           |
| Mon 14th Feb | PAWS and Pupil Parliament Valentine Bake Sale         |
| Wed 17th Feb | Class R Space Day –TBC (letter to follow)             |
| Fri 18th Feb | Break up  |

