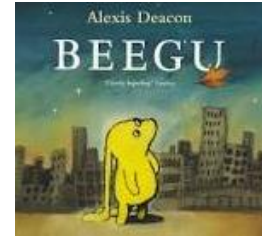


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

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 'le' as in apple, 'al' as in metal, 'c' as in face and 've' as in have. Our tricky words for the week have been: school, call and different. 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.

In Music, we have been listening to, appraising and learning the song 'Rhythm in the Way We Walk' by Joanna Mangona. This is a reggae song. The children have been learning about the texture, rhythm and dynamics of the music. These are the definitions of the musical terms that we will learn this year:

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| Dynamics | How loud or quiet the music is. |
| Pitch | Whether sounds are high or low. |
| Pulse | The heartbeat of the music. |
| Tempo | Whether music is fast or slow. |
| Texture | Whether a piece of music has one instrument or more than one instrument playing. |
| Timbre | How you would describe the feel of a piece of music (e.g. harsh or gentle, soothing or dramatic). |

Many Thanks,

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson