



ROCKLIFFE MANOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 1 Class Information: Autumn 1

Teachers: Mrs Aliaj

TAs: Miss Jones, Miss Foord, Miss Gilder and Mrs
Jardel-Hinch

School value:

Our school value for this half term is KINDNESS. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

Welcome Back!

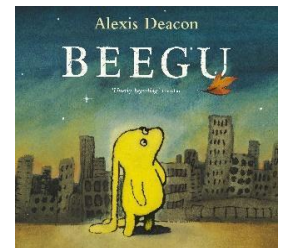
Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely Summer holiday and enjoyed making lots of memories over the 6 weeks. We are excited to be welcoming the children into Year 1 and look forward to the wonderful learning experiences we are going to share together. The Year 1 team are very proud of how Year 1 have begun the year, showing such positivity and enthusiasm for their learning.

If you wish to speak to me please do catch me at the beginning/end of the day, or please book an appointment to see me with the school office. You can also contact me via email. My email address is:

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Year 1's learning this half term:

This term, Year One will be focusing on self-identity and diversity. The children will discover, through their core text for this half term 'Beegu'. 'Beegu' is a story all about finding yourself in an uncertain and confusing environment but finding help from those who are kind. We will be using this text to help us in our English, Art and Science learning.



English: For English this half term, the children will be looking at the text 'Beegu' By Alexis Deacon. The story is about an alien who crash lands in our strange world. Beegu is trying to get home but needs help and falls upon a school to find both kind and unkind people. We will be writing our own tour guide of our local area, describing what things are and what we can do there.

Maths: In this half term, the children will be learning about the place value of numbers as well as addition and subtraction. The children will learn to represent numbers in different ways, count forwards and backwards, compare numbers, find one more and one less and know all number bonds to ten. As they become more confident in knowing the value of numbers, they will then move on to learning strategies to add and subtract numbers.

Science: Our Science topic this half term is, 'Materials'. In this topic, the children will develop core scientific knowledge and skills. They will be identifying what materials objects are made from and what their uses are. Moreover, they will be investigating what material is best suited for Beegu's new spaceship and will learn the skills to test how absorbent different materials are.

Curriculum: This term we will be looking at the subject History. As a class we will be looking at our local areas, Plumstead and Woolwich in the past and comparing them to the present. We will learn what 'chronology' means, generate questions surrounding the past and also use sources to find out information. Once we have our information, we will be using it to create our final outcome, a fact file of ourselves including who we are and where we come from.



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Art: For Art this term, the children will be focusing on the artists, Alexis Deacon and Colin Ruffell. We are looking at observation drawings of buildings to create our outcome for the term.

PE: Over the half term, the children will be continuing to develop the valuable skill of teamwork ensuring that they are working together and using their skills. The children will also be doing gymnastics to develop their strengths.

Music: This term for Music, the children will be listening to Old-School Hip Hop style songs and will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and will begin to learn to rap and enjoy it in its original form. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the song the children will also develop the skill to appraise other Old-School Hip Hop songs.

RE: In RE this term we are focusing on community. We will begin identifying similarities and differences between ourselves and others before identifying different religious groups.

Reading

We will do reading practice sessions **every day**. The children will work in an adult led group, reading books at the right level for them.

The children will change their home reading books on a given day, this day will be written in their Reading Record book. Children will be given the same book as they are reading in school so that they can apply their phonic knowledge to read with fluency.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for ten minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the banded reading book. We appreciate all parental feedback.

General Information

PE: PE will take place twice a week, **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please make sure the children come in their PE kits on these days. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE. Due to the cold weather children and according to the schools PE uniform policy children are allowed to wear blue tracksuit bottoms. Please can we also make sure we are adhering to the PE uniform policy re shoes and uniform.

Reading Records: Please ensure children bring in their reading record books daily so that we will be able to see any reading your child has done.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on.

Dates for the Diary

Meet the teacher – Thursday 15th September