

### Our Values

Respect, Kindness, Resilience,  
Integrity, Honesty and Trust



### Our Pledge

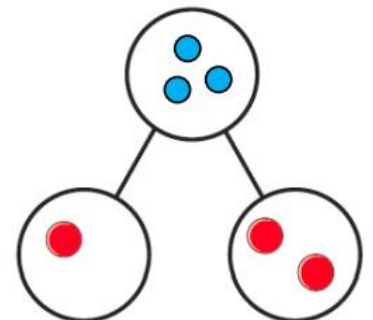
- Listen and Learn
- Do your best
- Look after each other
- Look after our school

## Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 1 2024

We have had a very busy start to the academic year, learning lots of new things! In **Literacy**, we read the book 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. We thought of different adjectives to describe the dark and wrote letters to Laszlo to give him advice on how not to be afraid of the dark. We also explored the dark and learnt about different types of nocturnal animals. We read the book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon, and created our own 'lost' posters for Beegu so that she could be found again. We have now started our new topic: 'instructions' and had a go at making some delicious cupcakes! We will now be writing up our instructions of how to make them!



In **Maths**, we have been practising counting, recognising and writing numbers. We have been ordering and comparing numbers using the words 'greater than' and 'less than'. We have also been practising using number lines and finding one more and one less than a number. We have been putting objects into two groups in different ways and have also learnt how to use a part-whole model.



Our topic for **Science** this half term has been 'seasonal changes'. We learnt about the four seasons and the changes that take place in each season. We really enjoyed going out for a walk to see the changes around us for autumn. We spotted some trees with leaves turning yellow and orange, and we found that the tree in our school playground had sycamore seeds. We also noticed that the weather was quite warm and learnt that the weather can vary at the beginning of autumn.



In **History** we have been learning about 'My Family History'. We have been having lots of discussions about our grandparents and what we think life was like when they were children. We talked about what school might have been like for them and the toys they may have played with. We agreed that their toys may have been quite different from ours and that they probably didn't have ipads and Nintendo switches! We also shared photos of our grandparents and talked about our families. We were very lucky to have a special visitor, Mr Ward, to come in and tell us all about his childhood and what life was like when he was a child. He even shared some of his special childhood photos!

We would like to say a big thank you to all the adults who have been reading with us at home and helping us with our homework. Your support really helps us learn and grow!

A big well done to the children who have been regularly using **Bug Club** at home to practise their reading and phonics! Please remember to log in and practise as often as you can. Practise makes perfect!

