

Our Values
Respect, Kindness, Resilience,
Integrity, Honesty and Trust

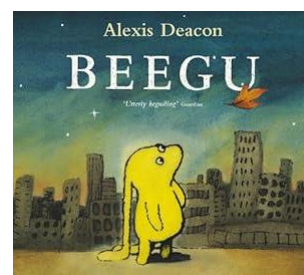


Our Rules

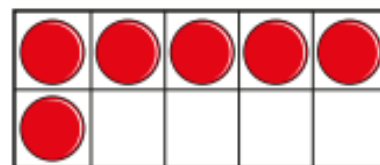
- Do our best
- Be respectful
- Be safe
- Be kind
- Be ready

Year 1's Newsletter Autumn 1 2025

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 how Laszlo was feeling. We also explored the dark and learned about different types of nocturnal animals. We then read the book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon, and used adjectives to describe. We sequenced the story and created our own 'lost' posters for Beegu so that she could be found again.



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 also used ten frames, counters and number tracks to find one more and one less.



Our topic for **Science** this half term has been 'seasonal changes'. We learned 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 learned that the weather can vary at the beginning of autumn.





In **History** we have been learning about 'My Family History'. In class we created a timeline and had lots of discussions about our grandparents and what we thought 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.

Reminders



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 progress!



Bug Club

P.E. takes place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Please ensure your child **comes to school wearing their P.E. kit** on these days.



Reading with your child every day is very important. Children should read for **15-20 minutes each day** at home. Please ensure your child brings their **DSR reading book** and **phonics book** to school every day.

Homework will be given on **Friday** and should be returned by the following **Wednesday**.

We encourage you to **support your child** in completing their homework, but please **allow them to do the work independently**. If your child is struggling to complete the homework, please speak to us.



Children will need to continue to bring their own water bottles in daily. This is to ensure that children stay hydrated. Their bottle should also be clearly labelled with their name. We will remind children to take bottles home for washing.

We're looking forward to the rest of what we know will be a **fantastic Year 1 at Holmleigh!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Enjoy a restful and fun half term.

Kind regards,

Ms Esma & Ms Zeenat