



Week beginning: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Literacy:**

**Fiction**

This week we will be reading Beegu by Alexis Deacon and investigating fantasy settings and characters.

**Phonics**

**Bees:** to learn the sounds 'y' as in hungry and 'ey' as in donkey.

**Butterflies:** to learn the sounds 'ie' as in tie and 'ea' as in seat.

**Maths:**

In maths this week we will be investigating multiplying in 2's.

**Go Mental for Maths** – *This half term the objectives are:*

To count on and back in multiples of 10 and to say 10 more/less.

**Topic – One Small Step**

**ICT:** We will be using Revelation Natural Art to create a space picture.

**PE:** We will be playing Boccia with Premier Sports on Wednesday and learning Yoga on Thursday.

**Music:** We will be singing Action Songs!

**Art and Design:** We will be cooking rock cakes.

**RE:** We will be thinking about what Christians learn from the stories that Jesus told.

**History:** We will be learning about the Moon Landing.

**Science:** We will be investigating the human body and our senses.

**Home Learning Activities**

**Home Learning – Spring 1**

This half term the children have been given a home learning tic-tac-toe grid based on our topic..

They should complete at least **one line** of tasks over the next **five** weeks. We will be sharing this home learning in class on a weekly basis.

**Spellings**

Children will receive between 5-10 spellings each week. Each week the spellings words relate to our phonics learning. The spelling test will take place every Friday in the back of their books and new spellings put in the front for the following week.

**High Frequency words**

All the children should now have a High Frequency Word (HFW) list. These lists contain some of the most regularly used words in the English language so it is really important that the children know these by sight as they occur so frequently in their books. When your child knows the list (by sight), then please ask your child to return their sheet to school, with their name at the top, and give it to Miss Surtees. She will then test them and if possible, move them onto the next list. Your child will receive a certificate for every list they achieve in Celebration Assembly.

**Reading**

We will be checking regularly to see if children are ready to go up to the next book band. Children will read to an adult in school at least once a week. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home. It is also important to ask them questions about what they have read, to see their understanding of the text.

Please note that the book band targets have been changed to reflect the new curriculum and are now the same for each book band. The idea being that children are to master each target several times on progressively more challenging texts.

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas!

As you can see we have started our new topic and on Thursday the children will be taking part in a space themed drama workshop with 'Perform'.

Thank you for all your support,

Miss Priest and Miss Surtees