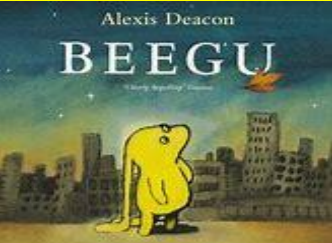


## Teaching Team

Miss Gleghorn  
Mrs Bowron  
(Wednesday morning)  
EYFS Preschool team



# Alnwick Castle Class Newsletter Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our newsletter for the first Spring half term. We hope you have had a wonderful break over Christmas and New Year.

We will continue to keep Tapestry and the class page on the website updated so you can see what we're getting up to during the half term.

Please also remember the website has lots of other useful information on too ([www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk)).

## Areas of Learning

Our topic this half term is **To Infinity and Beyond!** We will immerse ourselves in the world of outer space and learn a

- Space travel
- Significant people and events in Space
- The moon
- Comparing environments

We will use our topic as a focus for Art and Design Technology and have opportunities to junk model rockets, selecting materials for a purpose. In our artwork we will use different tones of light and dark and continue to develop our colour mixing skills.

In English our book focus is Alexis Deacon's **Beegu** which we will use as a stimulus to continue to read and write using a variety of genres and purposes including rhymes; stories; letter writing; instructions and descriptive writing. We will follow Read Write Inc. phonics programme to develop skills in phonic recognition, decoding words, understanding how to use expression and inference skills.

In Maths we will continue to work on mastering our place value and developing addition and subtraction. In Year One, we will also be practicing our times tables.

As Scientists we will learn about the human body and be able to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and understand which part of the body is connected to which sense.

In Music, we will be using the scheme Charanga and use instruments to explore our Space topic.

We will have computing lessons with Mrs Bowron and develop many skills including e-safety.

As part of our PSHE, we will be learning about feelings and relationships. Children will develop their ability to deal with feelings in a positive way, share opinions and explain their own views, set individual goals and listen and play with others cooperatively. Within this topic we will learn about the diverse world that we live in and explore how our opinions and experiences can differ to other people's.

In RE we will explore stories of friendship from different religions including Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism. We will reflect on what it means to be a good friend and what qualities make a good friend.

In PE, Mrs Burroughs will teach Gymnastics on a Friday morning.

Don't forget we like to get out and active whatever the weather so please bring wellies and waterproofs so we can enjoy our active outdoor learning all the time.



## Useful links:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9yycdm>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

## Timetable and reminders

**Monday** - PE Kit, reading books and water bottles

**Friday** - Year 1 Spelling Check

Celebration Assembly

**Please keep reading books in book bags each day so they are always available to read.**

