

Message from the Headteacher

I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to enjoy this wonderful weather. It has been lovely to see the classes enjoying the outdoors this week; from labelling the body parts on their chalk outlines in Year one to completing the golden mile in Year three.

This term our Christian value is honesty. We will be exploring with the children the importance of being honest no matter how hard that might be sometimes.

This week we shared the story of Zacchaeus and discussed how each new day was a fresh start.

Mrs West Gaul

Head Teacher



Staffing

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to some valued members of staff.

Miss Young will be moving up the hill to pastures new, taking on the role of Year 1 teacher at Norton Hill Primary School. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the best of luck in her new position and thank her for her hard work and dedication over the last four years.

Miss Daniels is also moving on next year but slightly further afield. She is moving to Wales to continue her teaching career and we wish her all the best in learning the Welsh language! She has been an asset to our team over the last two years and we will miss her smiley presence around the school.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Saldanha and Miss Dyer who have both secured teaching positions at schools in neighbouring counties. Whilst this year has been an unusual start to their teaching careers, they have both shown a huge amount of care and compassion to our children and families. We wish them both all the best in their future careers.

The Senior Leadership Team and Governors have been busy with recruitment and are looking forward to finalising the staffing structure over the next few weeks and we will share this with you as soon as possible.

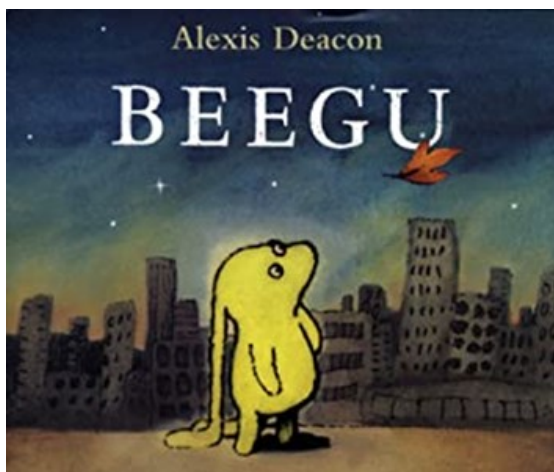
Star of the week

Well done to all our pupils who achieved star of the week this week.

Acorn class	Elise Cordelia
Ash class	Sophie
Birch class	Isla
Chestnut class	Wesley
Elm class	Annabelle
Holly class	Darragh
Hazel class	Freddie Pl
Maple class	Regan
Oak class	Isal
Pine class	Elizabeth
Rowan class	Ellis
Sycamore class	Sam M
Willow class	Ben

Year 1 reading

Last term we had the pleasure of reading three fantastic stories; Beegu, Jack and the Beanstalk and Where's my teddy? We enjoyed all three, however a year group vote decided that Beegu by Alexis Deacon was our top favourite! Beegu is about a lost creature whose spaceship crashed on Earth. It takes you on her journey to find her mother. The only friendly people she comes across are the puppies and children, while the big Earth creatures just don't seem to understand. Below you will find quotes and book reviews written about our three book studies for last term.



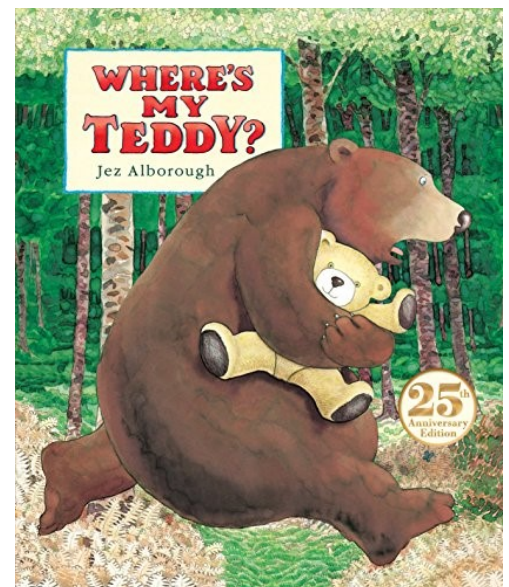
'My favourite part of Beegu is when Beegu thought she heard her mother calling' - Ellis

'My favourite part was when Beegu found her Mummy and Daddy' - Blake

'My favourite part of 'Where's my teddy?' was when Eddy lost his teddy in the woods' - Eva

'My favourite part of Beegu was when Beegu found the puppies and I loved it when she chased the leaves' - Jude

'My favourite part of 'Where's my teddy?' is when the bear and the boy first see each other in the woods' - Owen



My Book Review

Name: Ella

Title: Beegu

Author: Alexis Deacon

Did you like the book? ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

Rate the book by colouring the stars.

What was your favourite part? Why?

my favourite part is when Beegu snuggles
up with the puppies. I love puppies and they are
so so cute.

Draw your favourite scene from the book.

'My favourite part of 'Where's my teddy' is when the bear gets his giant teddy back.' - Ella

'My favourite part of Jack and the Beanstalk is when Jack took the gold and the money from the giant' - Luca



Learning in Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at Gaudi and Paul Klee in art. We have used their work as inspiration to create our own artwork focussing on Roman architecture.

We have looked at a variety of techniques including cubism and printing. We created our own print template and experimented layering different colours as well as designing our own buildings made of shapes.



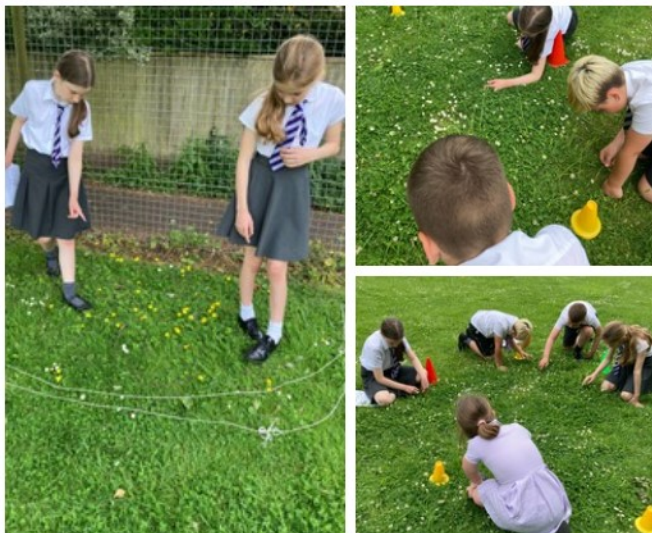
Plantlife's Every flower counts

Following No Mow May, we left a small area of our school field unmowed. On Thursday, members of our Year 6 School Council took on the challenge of counting the flowers that they found.



First they marked out quadrant and then got to work counting and recording the results which will be submitted.

They found mostly daisies, buttercups and white clover and did a great job of helping this cause to support our wildlife.



Wellbeing Team

Adults and children alike can all benefit sometimes from keeping things in perspective!

REMEMBER...

- 1 It's ok to have a bad day
- 2 It's ok to make mistakes
- 3 set back is not failure
- 4 It's ok to take a break
- 5 Nothing is perfect
- 6 You are stronger than you think you are
- 7 Asking for help is strength
- 8 Small steps are also progress

How are you feeling today? 😞 😊 😄 😴

Summer Fair

With the uncertainty of what will happen on the 21st June and the increasing numbers COVID 19, PTA and I have made the very hard decision to cancel our summer fair this year. First and foremost we want to ensure that we don't do anything to put our community at risk, but also cannot afford the time and money over the next few weeks if the event were to be cancelled anyway due to Government restrictions.

In terms of fundraising we intend for the end of term mullet day and raffle to go ahead - I hear there are some amazing prizes this year so keep an eye out for those tickets!

PE / Forest school timetable

Please can pupils bring in their PE kit on a Monday to be left in school. This can be bought home on a Friday to be washed.

Please can pupils bring in a change of clothes, wellies and waterproofs on the following days each week for Forest School. Year 1 will be doing forest school fortnightly starting next week.

Monday - Elm & Pine

Tuesday - Holly, Chestnut, Ash & Birch

Wednesday - Sycamore & Hazel

Thursday - Willow & Oak

Friday - Rowan, Maple & Acorn (reception pupils to come in wearing own clothes as usual)

Pick up & Drop off reminders

Please can we remind parents to drop off and pick up children as quickly as possible and to move off the school grounds swiftly.

Pupils should also dismount scooters and bikes at the school gate. Please do not allow them to ride scooters or play football in the playgrounds before school starts. Also please can we remind you that dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances. This includes being held. This is for the safety of all of our pupils and parents.

After school clubs

Multi sports clubs are being run this term on a **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** from 3-4pm and can be booked via parentpay. Unfortunately parentpay didn't update in time to cancel the charge associated with clubs. This term all clubs are run by teachers and are therefore free. We still ask that they are booked so that for safeguarding reasons we know who is attending.



Slip, slap slop!

As the weather warms up please can pupils bring a sun hat to school to be worn at break and lunchtime. Please also apply sun cream before school and put a bottle in your child's bag should it need to be reapplied during the day. We also encourage the children to drink as much as possible at break and lunch times so please ensure that they have a water bottle in school each day.

Kick Cricket

Some of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a day at the Sulis Club in Bath yesterday to join other schools playing Kwik Cricket. Thank you to Mr Yarlett for accompanying them.



Class Photos

Class photo proofs and order forms were given to each child this week. Please ensure that order forms and money are returned to the school office either directly or via your child's teacher by Friday 18th June 2021.

We have had a few queries as to the ratio of background sky/trees to the pupils in the photo and Nigel Coles Photography have kindly clarified that the amount of background that is shown on the photo will depend on the size of photo that is ordered.

Medical appointments and early collections

Please can we remind you that if you need to collect your child early for a medical appointment, that you provide us with evidence of their appointment as early as possible. This can be emailed or brought into the school office. We are then able to let the class teacher know in advance to send pupils down to the office at the correct time.

Big Summer Scavenger Hunt.

This July and August, Julian House is challenging you to get outdoors, get searching and find the secret riddles to unlock the treasure in its Big Summer Scavenger Hunt. With its 'Super Spies' trail perfect for children of all ages and families and its 'Code Breaker' Trail ideal for older teens and adults, it's the perfect opportunity to have fun for a good cause. Book your place today: <https://www.julianhouse.org.uk/support-us/events/big-summer-scamvenger-hunt/>



National Book Token Competition

This summer term, National Book Tokens are asking children to send in their own dazzling National Book Token designs. Whether it's your school crest doodled in ink, a pencil drawing of the entire class, or something completely different, they want to see it all!

Six weekly winners throughout May and June will get their artwork made into up to 35 gift cards, each loaded with £10 to spend on brilliant books – one for the winner and the remainder for the whole class.

The closing date for entries is **Sunday 13th June 2021**. Further information can be found at <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class>

