KS1
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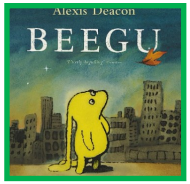
Claydon Detectives - Our Community



As Writers we will: look at a range of text types. We will identify their key features and explore what a good one looks like. We then have lessons to practise our spelling, punctuation and grammar before planning and writing our own pieces. Over this term we will be authors creating our own narratives based on fantastic stories such as Beegu and The Secret Garden. We will also write recounts of events, non-chronological reports and even make our own poems. We love to instil a love of writing in year 1&2 and a super way to ensure this is through a super start to kick off a unit of writing.

As Mathematicians in Year 1 we will: start with a place value unit looking at partitioning numbers to 10 and learning about the part-whole model. We then move on to adding and subtracting numbers to 10. We explore 2D & 3D shapes and finally finish the term with learning all about numbers to 20.

As Mathematicians in Year 2 we will: start with place value with refreshing our memory of tens and ones, adding groups of 10 and extra ones before learning how to add and subtract 2-digit numbers using the column method. We will then explore the 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times tables and use this knowledge to divide.

As Readers we will: explore a range of texts from fiction to non-fiction and answer comprehension questions using our reading gems during our shared reading sessions. We will be awarding reading gem certificates at the end of each half-term celebrating how much we have read. **You can help at home by** reading frequently with your child and recording these reads in their reading record. Bug Club is a fantastic tool for; practising their segmenting and blending, recognising their sounds from phonics and answering the bug comprehension questions which focus on sequencing, defining and retrieving.

Theme title: Claydon Detectives—Our community

Intent: To explore and investigate our local area and learn about how toys have changed over time.

Key Vocabulary: Past, present, town, city, village, physical features, human features, pitch, tempo, senses, addition, subtraction, edges, vertices.

Useful Websites: Bugclub—https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login Numbots—https://play.numbots.com/#/account/search-school

As Artists we will: use mirrors, pastels and paint to create self portraits inspired by the work of Frida Kahlo.

As Designers we will: be creating delicious carrot cake for the purpose of being appealing and tasty for our Claydon parents. We will practise our cutting and peeling skills and then begin to evaluate our products and whether we met our brief.

As Musicians we will: be creating 'soundscapes' (patterns of sounds) on the theme of space using different elements of music, including pitch and dynamics. We will then perform these compositions to rest of the class.

As Scientists we will: be exploring our senses by experimenting with our sense of touch, smell, taste, sight and hearing. We will be identifying our different body parts and which parts of our body relate to which sense and how these compare to animal bodies and their senses. Then we will be will be identifying and naming a variety of common plants.

As Global Citizens (PSHCE and RSE) we will: be considering what it feels like to be in a new situation and how to cope with these. We will also be exploring friendships and the importance of providing each other with personal space, as well as telling the truth. Additionally, we will be learning about how families are important for caring and supporting one another. Leading on to exploring the importance of understanding and managing feelings.

As Computer Programmers we will: develop our mouse skills and learn to use computers more purposefully. With these skills, we will use software tools to create our own piece of digital art. We will learn to write and understand an algorithm, helping us to follow debugging directions.

As Geographers and Historians we will: be investigating our local area by identifying the physical and human features. We will be learning to classify a village, town and city. In History we will be learning about Queen Victoria and investigating toys and how much they have changed from Victorian times to now.

As Theologians we will: be learning all about 'Belonging'. We will explore Christianity and will be learning about what the Church is and what Baptism means. We will be investigating why belonging to God and the Church is so important to Christians. We will also be exploring Judaism and the meaning of Mitzvot and why it is important to give tzedakah.

As Sports People we will: be building our skills in gymnastics to help us create our own sequence of movements. We will learn to hit a ball using different bats, throw to a base and catch accurately. In dance, we will match our movements to music to create our own formation. We will play modified games to throw, catch and send over a net.