

# Year 1 Curriculum Information: *Up, Up & Away*

Dates: Term 1.2 2021

## Literacy

We will be exploring lots of different fiction and non-fiction texts this half term.

Our main text will be Beegu by Alexis Deacon.

We will write newspaper articles, diary entries, thought bubbles and 'Did you know?' facts, all whilst broadening our vocabulary, consolidating our understanding of correct letter formation and sentence structure.



## Maths

We will be learning the names and properties of 2d and 3d shapes. We will be working on our understanding of place value.

We will also begin to look at telling the time.

## Science

Our focus in science will be looking at the properties of materials. These lessons will be closely linked to our Art/Design lessons as the children test the suitability of different materials in preparation for making their kite. In the latter part of the term, we will also be learning about the Solar System.



## Art/Design

This half term we will be undertaking both art and design technology projects. We will develop a range of techniques using line, colour and shape. We will also explore and evaluate a range of existing products (kites). All children will then have the opportunity to design and make their own kite.

For the last 4 weeks of term we will be looking at work by Van Gogh specifically 'Starry Night' and other artists inspired by space and the night sky.

## Computing

By the end of the term we hope that everyone will be able to login independently and use both a mouse and keyboard competently.

We will continue to explore the Purple Mash platform and complete lots of fun activities related to transport.

## History

We will be learning all about transportation and comparing and contrasting how air travel has changed over time. We will also be researching and learning about the Wright brothers and Neil Armstrong.



## PSHE

We will be exploring our health and well being. We will be focussing on appropriate bedtime routines, relaxation, personal hygiene and allergies.

## MFL:

In each of the three MFL classes, children will continue to count (to ten), learn more vocabulary related to colours, animals and fruits and vegetables.



## Drama

Children will learn how to vary their voice and intonation when performing and presenting dramatisations to others.

## Music

During this unit students will be introduced to a variety of songs and singing games. We will be learning to feel the style, mood, pulse, beat and rhythm of the music. Students will continue to learn how to co-ordinate their bodies with actions and sound in order to perform.

## PE

We will continue our gymnastics lessons before moving onto throwing and catching skills. Here we will look at a variety of objects and work with a partners. We will finish the term with some team tag games, learning how to work cooperatively in groups.

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We chose the topic Up, Up and Away as we are sure it will capture the children's imagination and interest. This topic will also give us an opportunity to develop historical skills through developing an understanding of chronological order and timelines (history of flight). It will also enable children to understand the importance of primary and secondary sources whilst learning about significant figures such as The Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong.

All of our learning will be tied together via Beegu - a friendly alien who has arrived at NCBIS and needs our help in getting home.



## How you can help.

Please continue to read daily with your child, it is vital not only that they can decode words but that they are confident when reading aloud, are able to read with increasing expression and intonation.

Spellings will continue to be sent out every Wednesday and will be tested the following week. Please help your child to revise the phonics / spelling pattern and learn their spellings.

## Trips, Events, Dates

If you have a kite at home please send it in so that we can have fun experimenting with it. We promise to take good care of it.



We are attempting to arrange a trip to explore aviation. If any of you have any contacts or ideas we would really love to hear from you.