



Next Week in Year 2
Week Beginning 13th January 2025



Welcome to Year 2!
'Space Explorers'

Spellings – don't, can't, didn't, couldn't, wouldn't, shouldn't

What we will be doing in school

Maths - Money

This week we will be continuing to explore our topic of money.



The children will begin the week by recapping making the same amounts by using coins of different value. For example;



For the remainder of the week, the children will continue to solve various calculations involving money and will also be using their knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve word problems using pounds and pence.

How you can help at home

Giving change can be tricky for some children because there is no 3p piece. So after solving the subtraction problem to work out how much change to give they then have to figure out which coins they need to give it in (if the amount isn't an exact coin; 5p change, 10p change etc.).

If you are coin rich at home and have the wherewithal to play games of shop, then please do so and Dojo us some of the action. If you can't recreate these adventures in mammon with actual lucre this virtual game will do the job for you:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/toy-shop-money>

Enjoy!

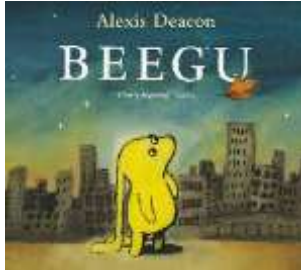


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English

This week we will be introducing the story of Beegu, a lonely alien who is lost on Earth.



The children will answer comprehension questions on this story. They will also be exposed to using contractions and to use them to create a conversation between Beegu and themselves.

Have a look when reading to see if you can spot contractions. Can your child re-read the sentence by expanding the contraction?

CONTRACTIONS	
is not	isn't
are not	aren't
cannot	can't
could not	couldn't
do not	don't
did not	didn't
has not	hasn't
it is	it's
he is	he's
she is	she's
I am	I'm
I will	I'll

Science – Materials

In Science this term the children will be exploring their new topic of materials. In week 2 they will be learning about the properties of different materials by sorting a range of objects into groups. The children will expand their vocabulary and understanding of the many properties of these materials. For example:
Some of the properties of glass are being transparent, waterproof and stiff.

You can help your child to prepare for our materials topic but exposing them to the vocabulary we will be using in class to identify materials, their properties and what their uses are.

For example, the material of these straws are made of paper. We use straws to suck up liquids from bottles. Their properties are bendy, absorbent and flexible.



Watch the link below for more helpful examples of the properties of materials:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhrZ7bTwQ54>



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History

For this week's lesson, the children will be researching who was the most significant male in the history of space exploration. They will be considering who deserves this illustrious title from the following people:

Yuri Gagarin
Neil Armstrong
Gherman Titov
Aleksey Leonov
Bruce McCandless

You can help your child prepare for this lesson by watching the clips below:



https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/vkVAqNbX0Nw?playlist=vkVAqNbX0Nw&autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&start=



https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/QL30YqGi49I?playlist=QL30YqGi49I&autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&start=



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PSHE

This week the children will be thinking about how humans grow from being born to old age and what processes and changes the body goes through during this time.

You can support your child with this lesson by looking at some family photos of yourself or of older family members starting from birth to becoming older. Talk about the changes that you remember or ask your child what they notice about how you have changed over the years.



Remind your child to be kind with their comments, as they will all be older one day!





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Computing

In computing this week,
The children will continue to learn about
algorithms.

They will be creating programmes of
instructions to load into robots called 'Earls'.



You can prepare your child for this lesson by
watching the clip below:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3whpv4>

Art

Last week the children looked at some
examples of clay work and thought about what
they would like their space themed clay tile to
look like. They had a look at different
techniques used to create existing pieces of
work. This week the children will be
experimenting using different tools and objects
on playdough to see how they can achieve their
desired outcome.



Have you got any playdough at home? Have
a go manipulating it into different shapes!
Can you make a planet? A star? An
asteroid? How could you make crater
imprints?



**Please find below a copy of the Year 1 and Year 2 common
exception words that you can practise with your child to support
their learning.**



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Year 1 Common Exception Words

the
a
do
to
today
of
said
says
are
were
was

is
his
has
I
you
your
they
be
he
me
she
we



no
go
so
by
my
here
there
where
love
come
some

one
once
ask
friend
school
put
push
pull
full
house
our

Year 2 Common Exception Words

door	child	cold	pretty	grass	improve	whole	half
floor	children	gold	beautiful	pass	sure	any	money
poor	wild	hold	after	plant	sugar	many	Mr
because	climb	told	fast	path	eye	clothes	Mrs
find	most	every	last	bath	could	busy	parents
kind	only	great	past	hour	should	people	Christmas
mind	both	break	father	move	would	water	everybody
behind	old	steak	class	prove	who	again	even



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