

# Bell Farm Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017



## Year 1

Dear Parents/Carers,  
It's been a very exciting start to school. The children have settled in well and we are all looking forward to a very successful year. We will soon begin to read our first text 'Aliens Love Underpants,' followed by 'Beegu' to begin our exciting topic about Space!

We will also continue to learn new strategies in maths using counting and number bonds. In Art, we will start by learning about self-portraits and we are looking forward to creating our own. In Science, we will be finding out about animals including humans and learning about the human body. We are also going to learn about the United Kingdom and about where we live.

Thank you for your support, this has helped with a great transition into year 1. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach your child's class teacher.

From Mrs Colley, Miss Higgins,  
Miss Penny and Miss Nicholls.

### What we're learning this term:

**English:** Our key texts are 'Beegu', 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'Traction Man'.

**Maths:** Counting, number bonds and addition and subtraction.

**Science:** Animals including Humans.

**History:** Toys and The First Aeroplane Flight.

**Geography:** The United Kingdom - its countries and capital cities.

**Art/DT:** Self-portraits and puppets.

**RE:** Who were Jesus' Friends? and The Christmas Story.

**PE:** Throwing and catching, Balance and co-ordination.

**Computing:** Learning how to use the learn pads and bug club.

**Music:** Recorder and songs for the Christmas Show.

### Coming up soon!

- Phonics and Handwriting Workshop on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00pm
- Parent Consultation Evenings on 18<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30-7pm and 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30 - 6pm.
- Christmas Performances 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### Ways to support children at home

- Read **with** or **to** your children daily at home.
- Use the environment to help you, children love to read menus, bus stop signs, even catalogues and TV guides!
- Use counting within your daily routine. You could count steps on stairs, how many doors on a street?

### Places that you could visit that link with our topics.

- Brooklands museum - History
- Farms or the zoo - Science
- Galleries - Art
- Science Museum - English for our space topic