

Year 1: Home/School Learning



Week Beginning - 15th June 2020

English

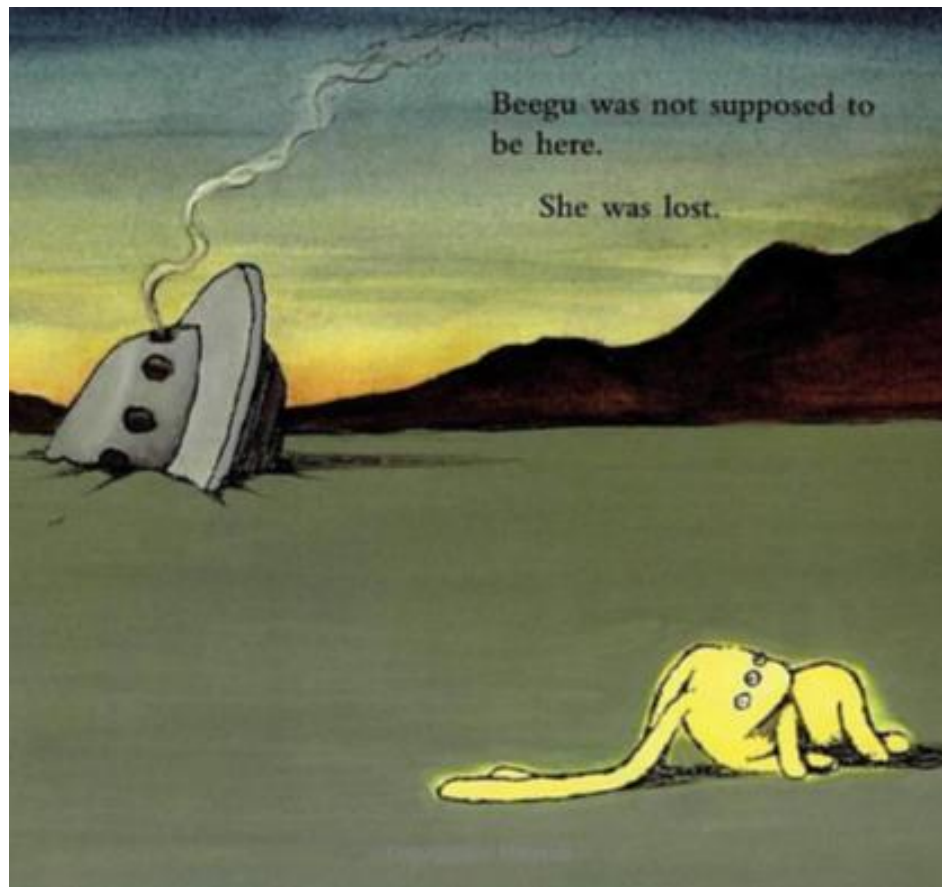
This week we are going to base our English learning around the text 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon.

Monday

Today, we are going to focus our learning on this image. Try not to watch the story just yet!

L.O. To write a prediction.

With an adult, have a look at the picture and discuss the following questions. Look at the picture and read the words. What do you notice in the picture? What do you think has happened? Does the picture remind you of anything that you have seen before? What do you notice about the character in the picture? What kind of character do you think she will be? Why?



Using your answers to the questions above, write a short prediction about the image and who you think this character could be and where he or she has come from. You might want to start your sentences with 'I predict' and 'I think'. Remember to write in first person (I, me or my) as you writing your own thoughts and opinions!

Tuesday

L.O. To describe a setting.

Watch the following Youtube link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaX_zGZ00Y8 – pause the video at 0.36 seconds.

Read aloud the words on the first page again, 'Beegu was not supposed to be here. She was lost.' Can you try to imagine the world where Beegu comes from?

What do you think it would look like? What would the sky look like? What would the landscape be like? Do you think Beegu would blend into her environment or stand out as she does on Earth? Why? What might you see on her planet? What might you hear? What colours would there be?

Draw Beegu's home using whatever you have to hand, the back of an envelope or old letter or cereal box will do if you don't have paper to hand. Maybe other people in your family want to draw what they imagine too. Remember, everyone has their own ideas and imagines things their own way. This is a good thing!

Once you have drawn your picture, share your drawings with someone else if you can, or talk about what you have drawn with someone else: what is similar about the drawings? What is different?

Once you have discussed your image with a member of your family, have a go at describing the planet that you have drawn. Try to include the following listed below and have a look at the example.

Things to include:

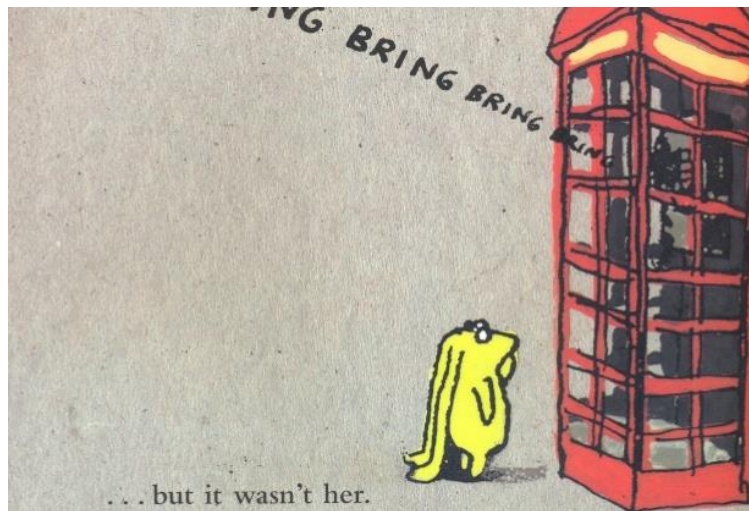
- Capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Adjectives (describing words).

Beegu lives on a large, round planet. The sky is dark and empty. In the distance, you can see large mountains standing tall and stars flickering in the sky. There is no sign of life. There aren't any living things other than strange little yellow creatures which squeak quietly to one another!

Wednesday

L.O. To write a letter.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaX_zGZ00Y8 – Watch the Youtube clip and pause at 0.52 seconds.



How do you think Beegu might be feeling? Why might she feel like this? Have you ever felt lost before or had the experience of being lost? What did you do? How did it make you feel? What should you do if you became lost or separated from people you know? How could you get help and keep yourself safe? What do you think Beegu should do now? What advice would you give to her?

Today you are going to write a letter to Beegu, advising her on what to do to reassure her and make her feel happy!

Remember the following when writing your letter:

- Start your letter with Dear...
- Remember to sign off your letter with your name.
- Have a go at using other types of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks.

Perhaps you could ask a question to Beegu and see if she responds to you!

Have a look at the start of a letter below for some ideas!

Dear Beegu,

I am so sorry to hear that you are lost. It must be so scary to have landed on a strange planet and not know where you are! Planet Earth might be strange for you at first but people can be very friendly and helpful. You should come to my school called Rush Green Primary School and meet all of the children. The children are so friendly at my school and they would make sure that you are happy.

Thursday

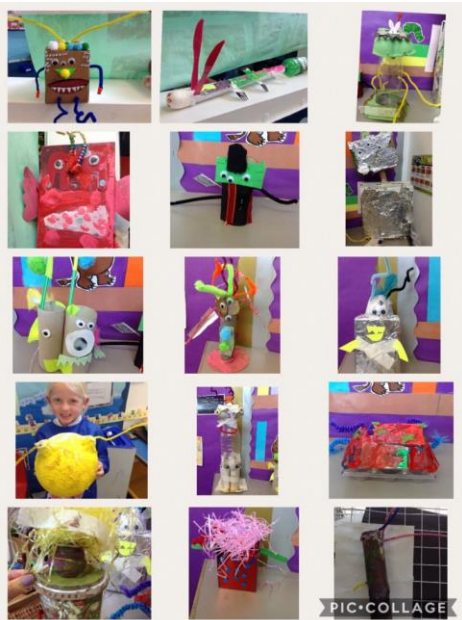
L.O. To create a character.

Beegu is alone on Earth. Can you create a friend for Beegu? What is your friend for Beegu like? What do they look like? What is their name? Where does this friend live? What do they like to do? What do they like to eat? Who are their friends and family? Does your friend make a noise? How does it sound? Why would Beegu like to be friends with them?

On plain paper, make a brainstorm about your friend for Beegu. Think about their personal qualities and decide if your friend is kind, caring or funny. Make sure you also note what your friend for Beegu is going to look like. It may even be another alien friend for Beegu. For example, they might have four eyes and are covered in blue fur! You can be as creative as you like!

Once you have imagined a friend for Beegu, you may like to make it. This could be a drawing, or using any other spare materials you have in your home such as old plastic bottles or boxes, plasticine and googly eyes, feathers or pipe cleaners. You could make your own playdough, using cheap and easy household ingredients: <https://theimaginationtree.com/best-ever-no-cook-play-dough-recipe/>

Have a look at some of the examples below!




Friday

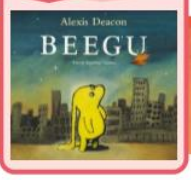
Watch the rest of the story by using the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaX_zGZO0Y8

Today, you are going to write the story of Beegu in your own words.

Before you have a go at writing the story, have a go at this fun activity below to see what you can remember about the story! Try to remember the beginning, middle and end of the story as you speak!



Beegu

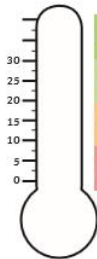


Talk to someone in your house about the story of Beegu for two minutes. While you are talking, you will be given points for every word you use correctly. You can only earn the points once for each word! However, you will lose points if you use any words from the banned column.

Are you an expert speaker on the story of Beegu?


1 point •	2 points ••	3 points •••	-1 point
children	adults	hopeful	erm
friends	alien	lonely	you know
home	goodbye	relieved	well
lost	parents	unfriendly	I think
play	spaceship	unwanted	like

Colour your total score on the thermometer:



- 26+ A true expert!
- 16-25 A great lecturer on the subject!
- 6-15 Keep practising!
- 0-5 More work required!

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Now write the story in your own words. Remember the following when writing your story:

- Use story language. For example, once upon a time and suddenly.
- Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Adjectives
- Different types of punctuation (question marks and exclamation marks)
- Read back your work to check that it makes sense.
- Check your spellings. Remember to spell tricky words correctly. You can use the word mat below to help you spell words from the story correctly.

Beegu Word Mat



yellow sad lonely perfect place
alone scared upset
afraid
soft friendly goodbye
mother relieved
lost Beegu happy friends
school children Earth creatures



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Additional Activities



Star Biscuits

Ingredients

100g butter

50g caster sugar

175g plain flour

A few drops of
vanilla extract

Equipment

Bowl

Spoon

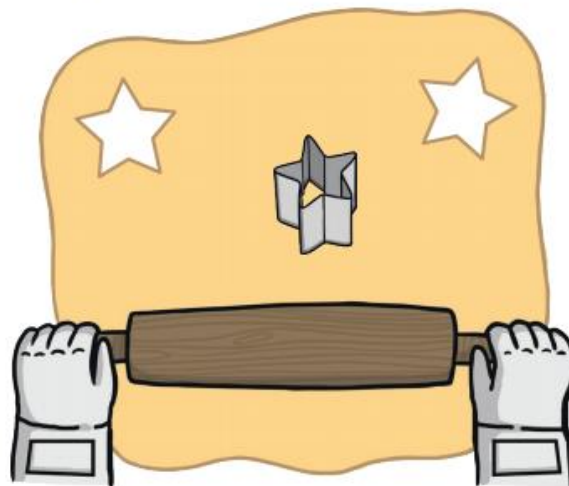
Rolling pin

Star cookie cutter

Baking tray

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 150°C.
2. Add butter and sugar in a bowl and mix well until light and fluffy.
3. Add the vanilla, mix, then add the flour and mix well.
4. Roll out to about 5mm thick. Cut into star shapes.
5. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown.



Some of our
Beegu
models



