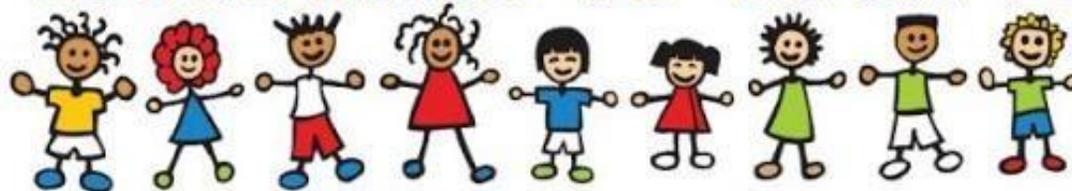




# Welcome to Year 1



# *Meet the teachers...*



***Mrs Shaughnessy***



***Ms Jackson***



***Mr Whitley***



***Miss Waterhouse***



***Mrs Hall***



***Mrs Summersgill***

# Meet the teaching assistants...



**Miss Zealey**



**Miss Panchal**



**Mrs Rajhi**

# Hello! My name is Mrs Shaughnessy and I am Head of Year 1...

I was born in Belfast Northern Ireland and moved to England to start my teaching career. I thought I would only stay in England for a few years but I couldn't leave. I enjoyed my job at Beaver Road and Manchester too much. I still love going to Ireland to visit my large family and do so whenever I can.

I have two children. A little boy called Oisín who is going into year 5 at Beaver Road and a little girl who has just turned 3 called Grace. My children keep me very busy! This is my fourteenth year teaching at Beaver Road. It sounds like a long time but to me it's gone in a flash because I love what I do. I have had lots of experience teaching in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2. For the past 3 years I have been the Head of Year 1.

I am really excited about leading Year 1 again this year. I will enjoy bringing my expertise of the Early Years into Year 1. I believe learning should be fun and that children should be active participants in their own learning. Play is a big part of Year 1 just like Reception. Play provides opportunities for children to experience learning in a meaningful and purposeful way, allowing children to develop the skills to become effective learners. I have high expectations of all children and want them to achieve their full potential. I will work hard with the Year 1 team to achieve this.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all. It will be an amazing year and we are going to have so much fun!

**3 things I love...**  
Family and friends  
Eating in restaurants  
Using my imagination

**Fun fact about me...**

I lived in Finland for three months and worked in a Finnish kindergarten.

## **What would I like to learn?**

I'd love to be able to speak another language fluently. I think it is amazing that so many children at Beaver Road have multiple languages.



# Hello! My name is Ms Jackson and I am the teacher of 1J..

I am really excited to be meeting you all in September. I have been a teacher at Beaver Road for 5 years now. Before this I taught in Year 1 at a different school and I cannot wait to continue a wonderful learning journey with you. I know that Year 1 holds lots of exciting new stories for us to share. I'm particularly looking forward to teaching History, Geography and Science and exploring lots of new topics.

Before becoming a teacher I went to university to study Psychology. I believe it is really important to keep both our minds and bodies healthy. I have 3 grown up children and loved watching them learn and grow throughout school. Cherish every day at school. Life is for learning!

**Fun fact about me...**  
I have a 3 legged ginger rescue cat called Kevin. (Named after a famous footballer).

**3 things I love...**  
Visiting new places.  
Keeping fit.  
Spending special times with family and friends.

**What would I like to learn? This year I have been learning how to ski. I love it but need to get better at it.**



# Hello! My name is Mr Whitley and I am new to Beaver Road Primary School.

I am over the moon to be joining your school in September and to join the Year 1 team!

I am currently a Year 1 teacher at a school in Sheffield and I am moving to Manchester over the summer to start a new adventure in an inclusive city with all my friends. I am looking forward to continue my journey in Year 1 at a new school. Year 1 is an exciting year full of lots of natural curiosity, adventures and imagination! I really enjoy reading at story time and I have a big collection of children's books that I cannot wait to bring into my classroom and share with the children. I am passionate about making sure all my books are inclusive and represent diversity within my classroom.

## Fun fact about me...

I am a trained scuba diver instructor and love to explore what's in our oceans

## 3 things I love...

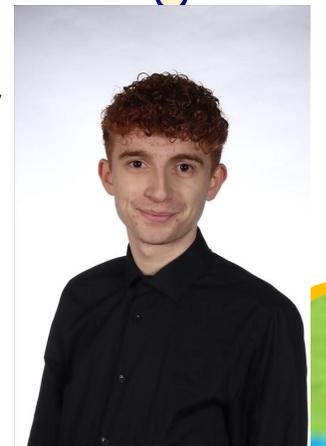
- ★ Seeing my friends and family
- ★ Travelling the world
- ★ All about nature and science

## What would I like to learn?

I would love to learn another language like Spanish or Greek. I have started to learn how to play dodgeball and I am now learning this new sport while doing tournaments.

When I am not teaching, I like to spend my time with my partner, doing my Masters in children's mental health and spending time with all my friends and family. I cannot wait to meet you all and get to know you! I promise it is going to be an amazing fun year!

See you all in September :)



**Hello! My name is Mrs Summersgill and I am a teacher in 2HS with the wonderful Mrs Hall.**

**I am over the moon to be joining the Year 1 team in September!**



**In 2008 (how many years ago is that?), I became a Teaching Assistant at Beaver Road, and I loved working here so much that I trained to be a teacher just a couple of years later. Over the years, I have taught in Years 1, 2 and 3.**

**Outside of school, I spend quality time with family and friends, as well as making sure my home is tidy and organised of course!**

**I have a son aged 3 (Sebastian) and a daughter aged 2 (Georgina). As a family, we love to travel, but we're always excited to return home to see our two lively whippets named Ollie & Eric!**

**I am so looking forward to seeing you all soon to hear all about what you enjoy at school as well as learning about your interests beyond the classroom!**



**Fun fact about me...**

**... I have stepped foot on all 7 continents!**

**3 things I love...**  
**\*Tidying up**  
**\* Eating out**  
**\*Seeing animals in their natural habitats**



**What would I like to learn?**

**Some really useful signs in British Sign Language!**

**Hello!**

**My name is Miss Waterhouse and I am the teacher of 1U.**

**I am so excited to be coming up to Year One with my class! We have had a wonderful summer term together in Reception and I know the whole year group is ready for the new adventures and challenges in Year One.**

**Last year I had a little baby girl called Tabitha and she has taught me so much and made me a better teacher than I was before! Before having her, I taught in Year One for three years so I know we are all in for an exciting year full of collaboration, stories and adventure.**

**We have lots of opportunities to be creative and playful in Year One, as well as endless opportunities to be inquisitive, curious and brave!**

**The time spent in Reception with this cohort has been magical and I know the Year One team are so lucky to have you all in their classes!**

**3 things I love...**  
dancing,  
being creative,  
sharing stories  
with my class!

**What would I like to learn?**  
I have been learning how to sign and want to learning more signs.

**Fun fact about me...**  
I spent a summer in Indonesia before I was a teacher and released baby turtles into the ocean!



# Hello! My name is Mrs Hall and I am a teacher in 27HS

3 things I love...

- \*Reading music
- \*Listening to music
- \*Going to the beach!



**What would I like to learn?**  
**How to play the guitar!**

I am really excited to be teaching Year 1 in September and look forward to getting to know all of you!

I have been a teacher at Beaver Road for 15 years and have taught in Years 1,2 and 3. Some of you may have older siblings that I know!

Reading is my passion and I love sharing stories with the class. Two of my favourite stories are 'The Lion Inside' and 'Six Dinner Sid.' I can't wait to share these with you and find out what your favourite stories are.

When I'm not teaching, I love spending time with my family and friends. I have two little boys, Joseph (5) and Jacob (3), and we enjoy having fun days out at the park together. I like listening to music and visiting new places, especially ones with a beach!

I know that lots of exciting learning takes place in Year 1. We have lots of interesting topics to explore and I look forward to sharing these with you soon!

Fun fact about me...

I have met the famous author, Michael Rosen!



# Hello! My name is Miss Zealey and I am the Year 1 HCTA.

## 3 things I love...

- Going to the cinema
- Being by the sea
- Arts and crafts

I have worked in Beaver Road for 10 years now, and I've been a TA in every single year group. I'm currently working in the Junior School in Year 4, so I'll probably know some of your big brothers and sisters! You might also recognise me from Breakfast Club because I work there every morning as well. I can't wait to come back to the First School and have an amazing year with you all!



Fun fact about me...  
I have 3 rescue house rabbits! Their names are Marv, Lotta and Salem.

When I'm not at school, I love going on fun adventures with my partner Stuart, who is also a teacher (but at another school). Our families live very far away from Manchester so we enjoy travelling and visiting the people we love. I also love to read, play video games and watch films, but my favourite thing to do is be creative! I enjoy trying all different kinds of arts and crafts, and hopefully I'll get to share some new skills with you at Art Club.

## What would I like to learn?

I would love to learn how to knit!



**See you in September everybody, I can't wait to get to know you all and have an exciting and fun year!**



# Hello! My name is Mrs Rajhi and I am a teaching assistant in Year 1

## 3 things I love...

- **Baking traditional biscuits from Tunisia**
- **Cycling with my daughters in the park**
- **Spending time with family and friends**

I am from Tunisia originally and I have lived in the UK for more than 13 years. I am married and I had two daughters. I have been a teaching assistant at Beaver Road for 1 year. I am looking forward to joining the year 1 team and working with you all. I love baking, especially traditional biscuit from Tunisia. I enjoy going out with my daughters to the park and I love bringing them cycling. My favourite colour is purple and green and I love nature. I am multilingual which means I can speak lots of different languages. I am used as an interpreter for many parents in the school which i really enjoy.

## Fun fact about me...

I did a law study in my country and my mum wants me to be a lawyer like Nelson Mandela.

**What would I like to learn?  
I am really excited to learn all about year 1**



Hello! My name is Miss Panchal and I am a teaching assistant in Year 1...

I have worked as a teaching assistant at Beaver Road for 15 years. I have experience working with Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4.

3 things I love...  
\*My family and Friends  
\*Exercising  
\*Eating out



I love spending time and socialising with my family and friends and my hobbies are eating out, working out at the gym and travelling.

I am extremely lucky to have two of my best friends working with me at Beaver Road.

I use to do modelling and fashion shows, but working with children is my passion.

Fun fact about me...

I love bollywood dancing as some of you would already know. Dancing makes me happy!



What would I like to learn?

I can speak in English, Urdu and Hindi, but would like to learn other languages such as German and Spanish

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and I can't wait to see you all again in September!



# Day to day life in Year 1...

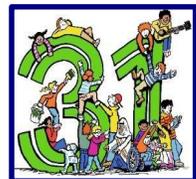
We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for all children from Reception to Year 1. Therefore, your child's day will involve a combination of whole class teaching, teacher directed group activities alongside undirected continuous provision linked to our Year 1 curriculum.

Usually the morning will consist of: guided reading, writing, phonics and maths, with topic, PE and creative learning challenges (such as art or design and technology) in the afternoon. We always like to end the day with a story before bringing the children out to meet you.

As per Article 31, children have the right to play and rest. We skilfully encourage play and exploration to provide rich learning opportunities. In addition to this, we plan active learning sessions and outdoor activities that enhance your child's love of learning.

The continuous provision areas in Year 1 are:

- ★ Construction area
- ★ Writing area
- ★ Maths area
- ★ Creative area
- ★ Role play area
- ★ Reading area
- ★ Blocks area



Article 31



# The classrooms...

4 QUALITY  
EDUCATION



The classrooms are designed to create as much space as possible for the children to roam and explore. We arrange the tables in a way that provides small group teaching opportunities, but also to maximise floor space. Areas are welcoming and inviting, full of exciting challenges, rich vocabulary and celebrations of children's work. We believe that utilising outdoor space is essential for children in Year 1 and that our classroom environments and outdoor space will aid the smooth transition from Reception to Year 1.



*Due to the current climate, classrooms have been adapted to suit the requirements of social distancing - this may be subject to change in September as per government guidelines.*

# Your outdoor area...

There are lots of different areas outdoors for you to play and learn in!

**Article 31**  
You have the right to play and rest.



**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



# Mr How's Diner...

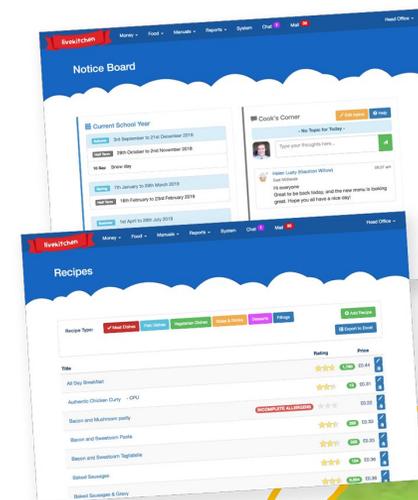
This is the school canteen where you will go to eat your lunch. We encourage all children to order their school lunch at home with their family using Live Kitchen. We also have a healthy food and drink policy and more information about lunches, which can be found on our school website.

Parent Information - School Meals

<https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/page/school-meals/58241>



## School Grid: Live Kitchen



# What do the children think?...

This is what the Beaver Road children said they enjoy the most about Year 1!

"I like writing anywhere in the classroom. I love playing with my friends and being in the reading area. We play school on the whiteboards with magnets" *Gracie*

"I enjoy drawing and playing. I like the class because it looks good. The pictures are interesting." *Mafalda*

"I like playing outside because there are great things to climb on and there's a new castle you can slide down!" *Gallahan*

• Article 12 – The right to a voice and to be heard and taken seriously.



# Additional information...

***Depending on Covid 19 restrictions, you will be notified of your child's allocated start and pick up times and be given a 10 minute slot.***

## **PE Kits**

**PE kits need to be in school every day to ensure your child can participate fully in PE lessons. PE days will be confirmed at the start of the term.**

## **Snacks**

**In Key Stage One, all children are provided with a free healthy fruit snack at break time. There is also an option for your child to have milk, however this is at an additional cost. If you wish for your child to be added to the milk list, please contact the school office.**

## **Reading**

**Reading books will be changed once a week. Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school on book change day, as we will have a designated slot during the week (day to be confirmed in September).**



# Additional information...

## Learning at home

**We encourage you to read at home with your child as often as possible, practise spelling the Year 1 common exception words that can be found on our Year 1 website page and practise letter and number formation.**

**Every half term, your child will bring home a 'Learning At Home' sheet which will include activities to help consolidate their learning from the classroom.**

**<https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/class/year-1>**

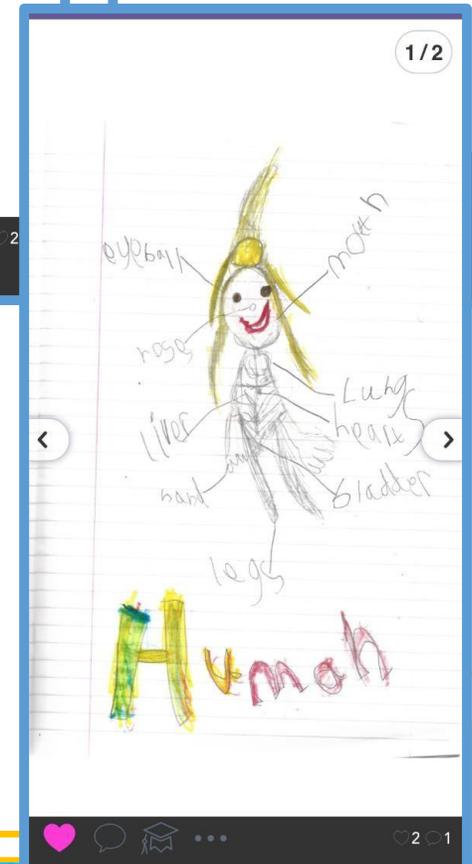
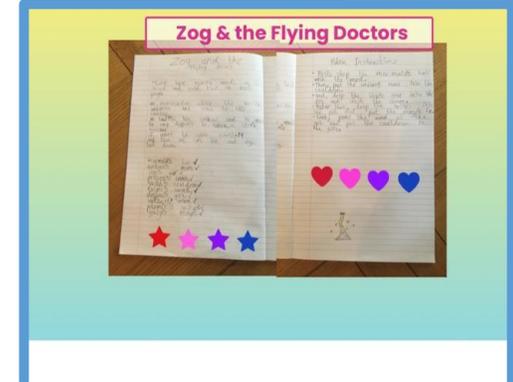
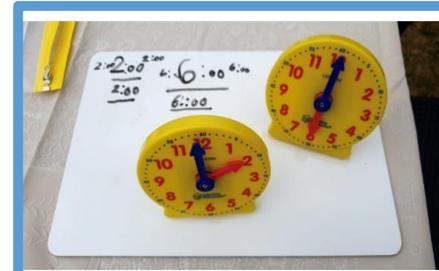


# What is Seesaw?...

In Reception, you will have been using Tapestry to see pictures and videos of your child in school. In Year 1, and throughout the rest of the school, we use an online learning platform called Seesaw.

Seesaw is a platform primarily used for student engagement - it inspires students of all ages to do their best. Students use creative tools to take pictures, draw, record videos and more, to capture learning in a portfolio. To date, children have enjoyed and benefited from engaging with the app, particularly during lockdown, and have felt a strong connection with their teachers as a result.

You will receive the individual login for your child in September and the children will be shown how to use the app in school.



# How can you prepare for Year 1?...

## Phonics

Using the phonics phase 2 and 3 flashcards (found on the Beaver Road Year 1 website) practise saying sounds and writing words including those sounds. E.g. say "ch" and write "lunch".

<https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/class/year-1>



## Handwriting

Practise forming letters and numbers correctly.



## Reading

Please read with your child regularly. Discuss sequencing of stories – ask your child what happens at the beginning, middle and end of the story?



## Maths

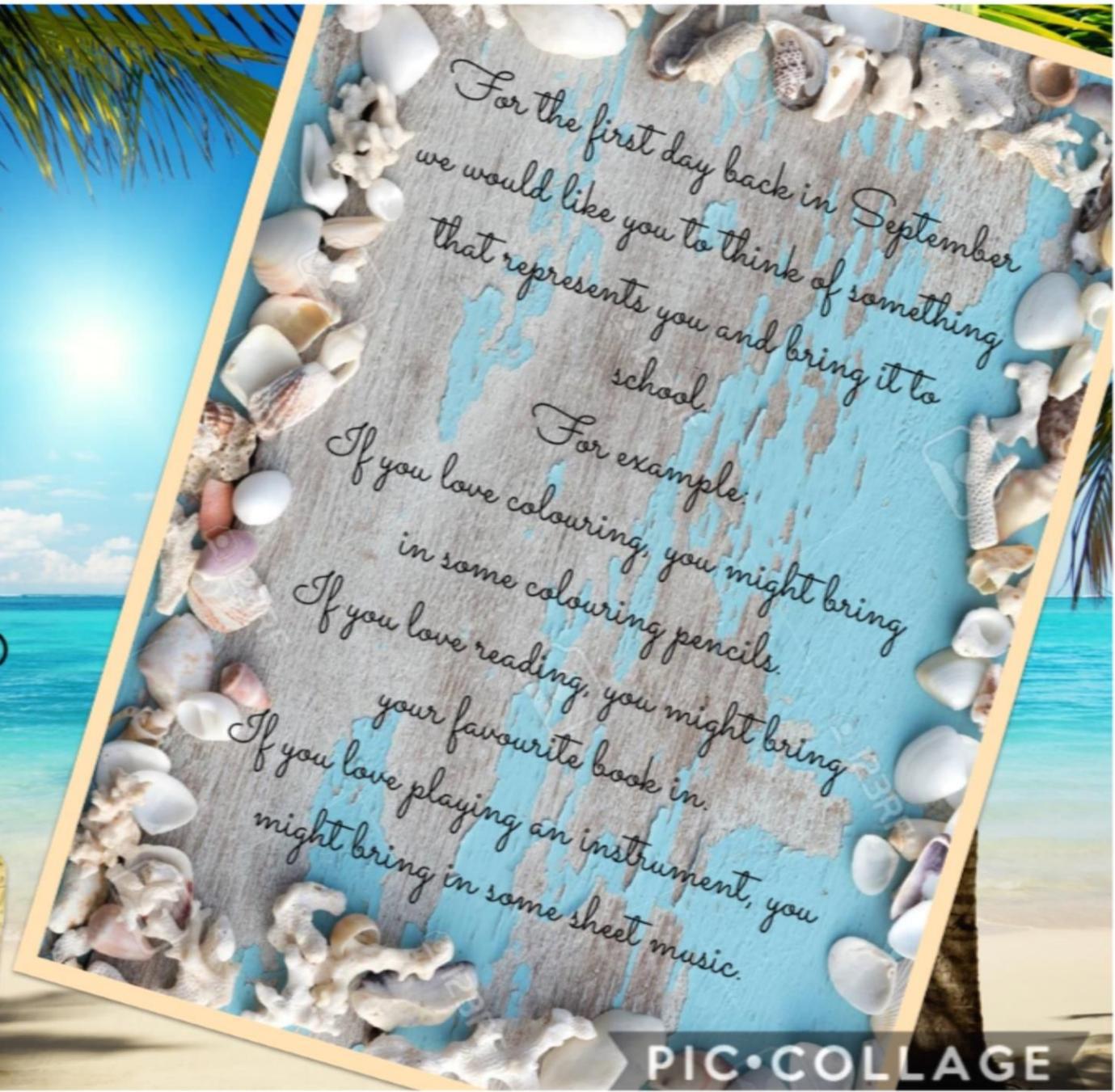
Practise counting to 20 and back down to 0. Can your child tell you the number bonds to 10?



**Two special summer tasks can be found on the next two slides. For additional transitional activities, please see the Year 1 Beaver Road website for suggestions.**

# Summer Task 1 – “Treasure Box”

What do  
you treasure?



## Summer Task 2 – “Personal



**In September, we would like to create a lovely display in our classrooms using patchwork designs.**

**Over the summer, it would be great if your child can decorate a 10cm by 10cm square using their own design. They can use any materials and resources that they'd like to - be as creative as you like!**

**We look forward to seeing their 'personal patchwork' and using them to create a class masterpiece!!**



*For now...*

*Have a fantastic summer!*

**Enjoy this time at home with your child, exploring, having adventures and talking about their experiences.**

**If you have any questions about the year ahead, please don't hesitate to contact any of the team – we are here to help!**

**Children, well done for a successful year in Reception.**

**We can't wait to meet you!**

