

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2 2023

Welcome to an exciting second half-term in Year One!

Our topic this half term is **TOYS**.

Read on to see what we will be learning about!

Please note that this overview may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise.

ENGLISH	In English, we will be looking at fairytales and in particular the story of Pinocchio. We will also do some non-fiction writing based around old toys and new toys. At the end of the half-term, we will join in with the whole school's Christmas Book Week!
MATHS	In Maths, we continue our work in addition, before moving onto subtraction. We will work out how to subtract by counting backwards. We will also learn about shape.
SCIENCE	In Science, we look at different materials and their properties. We compare the properties of materials using scientific vocabulary. We also start looking at the four seasons and how the weather changes.
HISTORY	In History, we will be looking at old toys and exploring how toys have changed over time. We will create a timeline of toys and discuss the similarities and differences between old and new toys. If any Parents or Grandparents have any old toys that they used to play with they would like to share that would be great. Photos would be good too if you don't want to send them into school.
COMPUTING	In Computing, the children will code using programmable toys such as BeeBots. They will use directional language to support their programming as well as their learning in Maths.
DT	In DT, we create our own finger puppets. We use needles and thread to create a running stitch which will join the two parts of our puppet together. We will experiment with other materials to create the rest of the puppet. IF THERE ARE ANY PARENTS WHO COULD COME IN AND HELP THE CHILDREN WITH SEWING THIS WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED (This will be on Wednesday 22nd November in the afternoon. Please let us know if you would like to come in and help. Thank you.)
RE	In RE, we discuss the celebrations surrounding Harvest and Christmas.
PSHE	In PSHE, we focus on friendship and what it means to be a good friend.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

PE: We will be doing inside and outside PE (weather permitting of course!) this half term, so please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on PE days - Monday and Thursday.

HOMEWORK: The children will continue to be issued with homework on a Friday. The homework should be returned by the following Wednesday either by sending it into school or posting onto google classroom. Spellings and maths target tests will also carry on as normal every Monday. The children will be receiving a new maths target this half term - addition and subtraction facts for each number to 6.

DIARY DATES:

Friday 17th November - Children in Need morning

Friday 1st December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fayre after school

Wednesday 6th December - Year One Christmas Production at 2pm

Thursday 7th December - Year One Christmas Production at 6pm

Wednesday 20th December - School Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd December - School closes at 1pm for Christmas