

# Year 1 Newsletter



## Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing half term. I hope you agree that the children have settled into KS1 well and are enjoying the learning experiences in Year 1. We are very excited about our new topic which is called **Toys**.

In this topic we will be learning about toys from today and the past, different materials and learning how to design and make an outfit for a toy.

<p><u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading - focus on comprehension skills such as prediction, inference, sequencing, information retrieval and vocabulary.</li> <li>• The use of full stops and capital letters</li> <li>• Sentence structure - finger spaces</li> <li>• Sequencing sentences to form short stories</li> <li>• Spelling high frequency words</li> <li>• Non-fiction writing - instructions</li> <li>• Poetry - adjectives</li> </ul>	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• + - signs and swapping numbers around eg <math>6+3=9</math> <math>3+6=9</math> <math>9-6=3</math> <math>9-3=6</math></li> <li>• Adding by counting on</li> <li>• Subtraction by crossing out, counting back</li> <li>• Subtraction - creating 'how many left' stories</li> <li>• Number: place value within 20 Teen numbers - how many tens, how many ones</li> <li>• 2d shape names and describing</li> <li>• Recording in our own way</li> </ul>	<p><u>Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naming materials - wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock</li> <li>• Describing materials</li> <li>• Saying an object and the material it is made from</li> <li>• Materials - waterproof investigation</li> <li>• Weather and seasons - Winter and day length</li> </ul>
<p><u>History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use real life objects and describe the difference between old and new toys</li> <li>• Sequence toys from old to present day toys</li> </ul> <p><u>Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate games played around the world and locate countries and continents on a map.</li> </ul> <p><u>Art and DT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan, design, make and evaluate an outfit for a toy.</li> <li>• Plan, design and make a puppet with moving parts</li> </ul> <p><u>RE</u></p>	<p><u>PE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Games</li> <li>• Athletics</li> </ul> <p><u>PSHE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the similarities between people</li> <li>• Know how to give and receive compliments</li> <li>• Use kind words</li> </ul> <p><u>ICT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating pictures and text</li> <li>• Keyboard skills</li> </ul>	

Diwali Remembrance Day Celebrations and festivals	
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### Tapestry and Homework

Thank you for your 'likes' and comments on Tapestry. It is great that we are able to share some of your child's learning in class with you. We are also really enjoying seeing what the children have been taking part in at home! Thank you for taking the time to share these moments with us.

This half term the children will be asked to complete maths and spelling homework. We have sent home an overview of the weekly Maths homework activities that link to the Year 1 National Curriculum and an exercise book for the children to use to record their homework in. This year we are asking parents/carers to take a photo of the completed maths homework and upload it onto Tapestry.

We have also sent home a weekly overview of words that we would like the children to learn to spell. Spelling tests will be completed weekly on a piece of paper in class and sent home at the end of the day.

#### Other news:

- Just a reminder to keep using the Bug Club resource that provides a range of reading books and follow up activities that will help develop your child's reading skills. Now we are not able to visit the library or shops it is an amazing resource that still allows our children to read a variety of books and different text types.
- On Thursday 5th November the children will have a Bonfire Night themed lunch.
- Remembrance Day is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The children will be learning about this special day and each class will record a video which will be shared at our virtual assembly on Wednesday 11th November. The children will take part in the 2-minute silence in their classrooms.
- On Friday 13th the children will have their nasal flu spray immunisations.
- We will have a MUFTI Day on Friday 13th for Children in Need. More details to follow.
- Each class will have a Christmas Performance that will be recorded and shared with you.
- We do plan to have a Christmas Party for the children and will be in touch about the details for this nearer the time.
- Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- The last day of term is Friday 18th December.

Many thanks,  
Year 1 Team