

Information for Parents and Carers

Class 2: Summer Term 1

Toys

The focus of this half term's work is to learn about popular toys through the 20th century and early 21st century. The children will be thinking about their favourite toy from today before moving on to look at toys which were popular with their parents and grandparents.

English:
Fiction
 We shall be using 'The Story of Pinocchio' and 'Where the Wild Things Are' to investigate stories about toys that come to life. We will be sequencing and retelling the stories through writing and role play. We shall describe and compare the characters and use our senses to describe the settings. This topic will culminate in writing our own stories based on a similar theme.

Non-fiction
 Learning how to layout and write a letter.

Phonics will be taught separately to each year group using a mixture of practical, written and interactive resources.

Handwriting lessons will take place daily, when the children will learn to write in a cursive style.

Maths:
 In Maths we will be covering the following topics:
 Time
 Number and place value (inc. statistics Y2)
 Addition and subtraction
 Capacity and Volume
 Temperature (Y2)
 Fractions
 Position and direction
 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables

We will be using a range of resources and much of our work will involve practical activities to make the lessons fun and enjoyable.



Science:
 This half term's Science unit will teach the children the structure of plants and trees and what they need to grow well. They will take part in activities that include identifying common plants and trees in the garden and in the wild, sorting deciduous and evergreen leaves, and creating labelled plant collage pictures. The children will plant their own bean and observe it closely over the weeks by measuring and recording its growth. We will also be planting some sunflower seeds and experimenting with the best amount of water needed to make it grow tall.



PE & Games:
 This term's PE involves Athletics and Dodgeball. Lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. In Athletics we will be focussing on running, throwing and jumping. Mr Freeman will be teaching the Tuesday afternoon lesson.

Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Long hair must be tied back for safety during the PE lessons.



Cross Curricular Learning:
 This half-term there will be a strong focus on the subject of **History**. We will learn about how toys have changed and developed over the years. The children will develop a range of historical skills such as asking and answering questions, identifying and interpreting different sources, recognising change and exploring how this influences them today. We will use a range of learning resources which include drawing, discussions, role play as well as writing tasks. **PSHCE** and **SEAL** work this half-term is entitled 'Relationships'. We will be looking at some of the feelings that are associated with close relationships, particularly family and friends. We will look at the emotions of pride, jealousy and hurt, then learn how to manage these feelings. In **Design and Technology** we will be designing and making our own puppets, closely linking the unit to our History and English work. In **Art** we are going to learn about Sculpture and create pieces of work using many different materials. In **Computing** we will be creating and gathering information from Pictograms. Our **RE** theme is entitled 'Symbols'. We will learn how and why symbols express religious meaning in Christianity and Islam. Our **Music** topic is called 'Feel the Pulse'. The children will develop the ability to recognise the difference between pulse and rhythm and to perform with a sense of pulse. The **Forest Fun** sessions are a transitional opportunity for Year One to work with the children in Reception.



How you can help at home:

Class 2 home-learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Wednesday. It will usually consist of Mathematics activities for everyone to complete (if you have a problem logging in or have mislaid the username/password, please let me know so that I can sort it out for you).

Year 2 will be given additional pieces of English or Maths home-learning in preparation for the SATs.

There will also be a set of spelling words for the children to learn ready for a spelling test each Friday.

Please ensure your child reads to you regularly and that an adult has written a comment in their reading record.

New reading books will be given for home practice on your child's reading day.

Finally, the Year Two children will be completing their **SATs** in **Reading** and **Maths** over the month of May. The children will complete the tasks in small groups and with as little fuss as possible in order to minimise anxiety and nerves.

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and I look forward to working with you and your children this next half term.