



## Whats happening in Class 2 - Autumn Term 2 2021

Dear Parents and Careers,

I hope you all had a good half-term and had plenty of opportunities to explore the splendor of Autumn and enjoy family time together.

I am really excited about our second term and looking forward to seeing all the children back in the classroom and hearing about all the fun things they got up to over half term.

The topic for this term is Toys, we are going to be focusing on the history of toys and how these have changed. The children will be exploring changes in living memory, comparing the toys they play with today to toys you would have played with as a child and those that their grandparents would have played with. So please take this opportunity to share and discuss the toys you played with as a child and kindly encourage grandparents to do the same. I am sure they would all love to hear all about it. If you or their grandparents have any examples of these toys stored away and would be willing to allow your child to share them with the rest of the class, this would provide a fantastic learning opportunity for the children.

In science children will be exploring how toys move, focusing on the push, pull and twist forces. They will also get the opportunity to sort toys based on how they work, for example, are the toys operated by battery or manually. As well as exploring how to make a simple electric circuit to make a light and buzzer work.

In art, the children are going to be drawing a teddy bear and other toys. It would be fantastic if they could bring in their favourite teddy and toy for inspiration. We will make sure these remain safe while in school and they can be returned home with the child each evening if required.

In design and technology, the children will get the opportunity to design and make a rubber band car linking this back to science and how toys move.

In RE we will be looking at how when we are friendly to others we are helping Jesus. We will then move onto the Christmas story where we will be learning to understand how Jesus was and is a surprising and amazing gift.

Math's (numeracy) and phonics will be taught daily, for all children.

Year 1 will continue to develop their writing skills and grammatical understanding in line with Year 1 expectations. This term they will be reading

stories with predictable phases and having a go at writing their own based on *The Bear who Wouldn't Share*. They will be doing a book study on *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes and writing a recount of a time when they lost a special teddy or toy. We will also be looking at poetry and rhyming couplets.

Reading books will be given to reception and year 1 children.

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, it is therefore important that all children have their PE t-shirt and shorts in school.

Please be assured we will continue to do all we can to maintain the safety of children in our care. There will be plenty of reminders about the washing of hands as well as keeping fingers away from our mouths and noses.

As I am sure you can tell we have an exciting term ahead as well as enjoying the run-up to Christmas. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on the email below.

Many Thanks

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