

Autumn 2020 – Termly Topic Update



September 2020

Welcome to year 1! We are really excited to get started with Year 1's topic this term which is 'Toys'.

'Toys' is a great cross-curricular topic which will be used in Science to explore different types of materials and their properties and in Design Technology to explore how toys move. We will be looking at how toys have changed over the years in History too. We hope to create our very own Santa's workshop at the end of the year!

We would love to see pictures of toys you have from the past.



English

One of our main aims this year is for the children to gain confidence in using their sounds for spellings in order to write independently for different purposes. We will be using a range of toy themed fiction and non-fiction texts as a starting point for our own writing, this term we will write a report about Toys from the past, a lost toy narrative and instructions on how to make a moving toy. The children will have weekly spellings to practise at home, these will be tested each Friday.



Phonics

Phonics is a big focus this year and is incorporated into every subject across the curriculum. The children will have daily phonics sessions and extra catch up sessions in the afternoons. The children will have weekly phonics homework that will be marked by their class Teacher.



Reading In our guided reading sessions we will read both classic and modern texts about Toys. We discuss new vocabulary, make predictions and discuss key events.



Mathematics

In Maths we will be linking lots of our activities to our toys theme. Throughout all sessions we will work on number formation, especially the 'teens' numbers. The children will be practising counting accurately in twos, tens and fives. We will also be representing numbers in different ways and comparing them. The children will be challenged to add & subtract small numbers. They will also be reading and creating number sentences using +, -, =. We will be naming and describing shapes too.



Home Learning



Rainbow Challenges

Reading – a minimum of 3 times per week.

We have a reward chart for this in school and the children can earn prizes.

- Create an adventure story for your favourite toy.
- Interview a grandparent/older relative to find out about their childhood toys. Are they different to yours?
- Collect some natural materials from outside, can you create a teddy bear out of your collection?
- Go on a material hunt around your home – what can you find? How will you present your findings? (Try a tally chart).
- Learn/practise the alphabet by singing a song or making a poster.
- What's your most treasured toy? Write some sentences to explain why it's so special.
- Can you design and make a new toy for a child in year 1?

Feel free to share these soon through your new Showbie classroom!



PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child wears their PE kit to school on these days. Warm clothes will be needed as both sessions will be outdoors, long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. We will be continuing to take part in the Daily Mile this year!

Year One staff

Miss Sparrow
Finland class Teacher
Key Stage Leader

Miss Chapman
France class Teacher

Miss Guise
Student Teacher (Finland class)

Mrs Cragg and Mrs Nolan
Cover supervisors

Mrs Hyden
Learning Support Assistant

Mrs Anders
Learning Support Assistant (Mon-Wed)

Half Term

Week beginning 26th of October 2020.

End of Term

Friday 18th December 2020



Exciting news!

Miss Sparrow is expecting a baby due in January!

Key Dates

As we start a new school term, we are keen to share dates for the year ahead. We aim to be as creative as possible to ensure that we share your child's learning experiences with you in a safe way.

Initially, instead of cancelling dates, we will be choosing to inform you of upcoming dates and details as soon as we can confirm more.