

# Autumn 2019 – Termly Topic Update




## September 2019


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 also be looking at how toys have changed over the years in History. We look forward to inviting you to our Toy Museum later in the term.

If your child has anything related to our topic that they would like to bring in, we would love to see it.

 **English** One of our main aims this year is for the children to gain confidence in writing independently for a range of reasons. Please encourage this at home and if the children would like to, they can bring in writing from home for our WOW wall.


Phonics is a big focus this year and is incorporated into the children's reading and writing. We will be using a range of toy themed fiction and non-fiction texts as a starting point for their writing. The children will be encouraged to go through stages when writing; firstly saying their sentence out loud, then writing it using their phonic knowledge and finally re-reading what they have written.

 **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 ones and tens. We will also be representing numbers in different ways and comparing them. The children will be challenged to add & subtract small numbers as well as read and create number sentences using + - =.

 **Home Learning**

Reading – a minimum of 3 times per week.

We have a reward chart for this in school.

 **Rainbow Challenges**

Create an adventure story for your toy.

Interview a grandparent/older relative to find out about their childhood. What questions will you ask them?


Design a new game for your friends to play. What will the rules be? Can you draw and label the things you will need?

Go on a material hunt around your home – what can you find?

Learn/practise the alphabet by singing a song or making a poster.

What's your most treasured possession? Write some sentences to explain why it is so special.

Find natural objects and use them to make a range of 2D shapes.

 **PE** This will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child has their kit in school with them at all times. Warm clothes will be needed for outdoor PE, 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 Allen**  
Cornflower Class Teacher

**Mrs Sadler**  
Snowdrop Class Teacher  
(Mon-Thurs)

**Mrs Di-Blasio**  
Snowdrop Class Teacher (Fri)

**Mrs Annett**  
Learning Support Assistant

**Mrs Cunningham**  
Learning Support Assistant (Mon-Wed)

**Autumn Term Key dates**

Forest School- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Parents evenings- Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October

Future date - Theatre Trip- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Parent Partnership opportunities**

Meet the Teacher – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Toy Museum- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm

WOW Wednesday – 9<sup>th</sup> October

Winter Production- 17<sup>th</sup> December