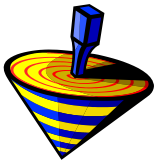
Year 1 Newsletter Spring Term

Happy New Year!

We wish you a Happy New Year and hope the following information be useful. Thank you for all your support last term, we are looking forward to another enjoyable and successful term.



OUR TOPIC IS TOYS

English

The children will be continuing to develop their writing skills, practising simple punctuation and planning sentences out loud before writing. They will look at a range of stories and information texts linked to our topic learning. They will also continue with regular handwriting and phonics practise. Thank you for supporting the children with their reading practise at home; it is really beneficial for them.

Maths

We will continue to focus on developing children's understanding of place value, number bonds, mathematical vocabulary and solving addition and subtraction number problems. The children will practise counting forwards and backwards in ones, twos, fives and tens, as well as counting on. They will also begin to look at halves and quarters. Please do look for opportunities to reinforce this learning and mental maths skills at home, for example sharing objects and playing counting games etc.

History/Geography

The children will learn about toys and playground games from the past. They have the opportunity to share their favourite toy. If you have any books/resources at home which you think may be useful we would happily share them with the children in school. The topic will extend children's sense of chronology and their family history.

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be ourselves. The children will be looking at our senses, how to take care of our bodies and how we change as we grow. Next half term we will be learning about seasonal changes.

P.E.

The children will be taking part in the SMSP Dance Challenge, working in groups to choreograph a short dance including various dance elements. Outdoor P.E will be team games.

Please make sure your child has warm clothes (joggers/sweatshirts) for the cold weather.

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Music

Children will learn how to interpret and respond to musical instructions relating to volume. They will listen to a range of music and learn how to represent different volumes using musical and graphic notation.

Art and D&T

The children will develop their observational skills, through sketching toys and completing self-portraits. We will also be designing and making healthy fruit salads, as part of our learning about looking after ourselves.

Computing

The children will be using the computer suite in the atrium. We will be looking at entering instructions to use a programmable toy. We will also practise filming the steps of a recipe.

RE/PSHE

The children will begin the term learning about Judaism, exploring Jewish artefacts and developing their understanding of Jewish traditions and celebrations.
We will also look at taking care of ourselves, managing emotions and setting goals.

General Information

Homework:
This term reading practise at home remains the key focus. Also, please use this overview to help support and extend your child's knowledge of current topics at home. Regular, enjoyable number and writing activities, as well as phonics practise will also continue to help your child to progress.

Dates for your diary:
Parent's Evening - Tuesday 12th February 4-7.30pm and Thursday 14th February 2019 3.50-6pm

Lookout Discovery Centre: Wednesday 27th February 2019

Kind Regards,

Chelsey Beales, Tom Kearns and Laura Power