

Year 1 Newsletter (Spring 2 2023)

Welcome back after half term. Our topic this half term is Toys, and we have an exciting Educational Visit planned to Abbey House Museum that links to our learning.

English

For the first two weeks of the half term, we will be looking at the story of 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. We will be describing characters in the story using adjectives and changing the toy in the story that is lost. We will then retell some parts of the story with the new toy. We are going to be focusing on sentence structure, using the correct punctuation and extending our sentences further by using adjectives and conjunctions.

For the rest of the half term, we will be looking at information texts linking to our history unit about Toys. The children will be learning about the features of an information text and then using this knowledge to write their own text about a toy of their choice.

If you attended our parents' meeting this week you will know that the school has purchased new home reading books for the children. These books will directly match the sounds your child has been learning in their Read Write Inc. phonics lessons in school. Please be aware that your child will get a new home reading book every few days and not just every Monday as they previously did. Please make sure these books are looked after at home, as any replacements will need to be paid for.

Maths

In maths, we will be looking at place value within 50. The children will be using equipment to represent numbers and then applying this knowledge to order and compare numbers. They will be partitioning, counting, estimating, finding one more and one less and writing numbers to 50. The knowledge that they acquire will then be used to solve reasoning problems.

We will then be moving on to the unit of measurement. This will include looking at length, height, mass and volume. The children will be immersed in lots of practical maths experiences to further their learning and understanding.

History

We will be looking at and comparing old and new toys with a focus on what they are made from, how they work and what time in history they were popular. Children will have the chance to handle a range of old toys and develop their skills asking and answering questions.

We will be looking at the history of the teddy bear and where its name stems from.

Science

Our science topic this half term is 'Materials'. We will be naming different materials, identifying the material an object is made from and looking at the properties of materials. They will then be using this knowledge to carry out investigations.

P.E

Both classes have P.E on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Could we respectfully remind you that the correct PE kit needs to be kept in school and clearly labelled. Please can we also remind you that if your child wears earrings, that they need to either be taped up or taken out on the morning of PE days.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday and Friday. Any problems please come and talk to us.

Year 1 team:

Miss Jackson, Miss Burton and Mrs Riley

Mrs Moss, Mrs Nawaz, Ms Ash, Miss Jackson, Ms Zaman, Miss Toum