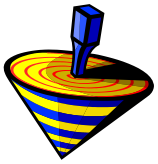
Year 1 Newsletter Spring Term

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. Please encourage your child to start and finish their letters in the correct place and to make capitals larger than lower case letters. Thank you for supporting the children with their reading practise at home; it is really beneficial for them. We will be encouraging the children to use the correct spelling of the Year 1 common exception words. These are in the front of their reading diaries.

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; placing them into a chronological framework and exploring how they have changed or stayed the same.
In Geography, the children will develop confidence using positional and directional language and begin to create simple maps to support their understanding of how places are linked to one another.

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 the names of our major bones and organs. We will also continue to look at seasonal changes as we move from winter to spring.

P.E.

The children will be taking part in the SMSP Dance Challenge, working in groups to choreograph a short dance routine, which includes dance elements. They will also develop confidence describing other's performances positively/ constructively. Outdoor P.E will be team games, practising linking skills to suit different activities. **Please make sure your child has warm clothes (joggers/sweatshirts) for the cold weather.**

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Music

Children will develop their understanding of using un-tuned percussions instruments, exploring the sounds they make, as well as the sounds we can make with our voices. They will also begin to record musical ideas on paper.

Art and D&T

The children will develop their observational skills, through sketching toys and completing self-portraits. They will also be learning simple printing skills. In D & T we will be investigating fruits and vegetables, designing, and making our own smoothies.

Computing

The children will use programmable toys to develop their understanding of algorithm, creating and debugging simple programs, as well as using logical reasoning to predict their behaviour. The children will continue to be encouraged to use technology respectfully and safely.

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 be following the Jigsaw PSHE program, celebrating similarities and differences between ourselves and our peers.

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 and spelling practise will also continue to help your child to progress.

Dates for your diary:

Parent's Evening - Tuesday 11th February 4-7.30pm and Thursday 13th February 2019 3.50-6pm

Lookout Discovery Centre: Tuesday 25th February (details to follow)

Kind Regards,

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