



Autumn Term 2018

Second Half

We hope that this overview of this half term's topics will provide you with ideas of how to help your child with their learning.

If you have any questions, please pop in to see one of us!

This half term our main topic will be:
'Toys'

We will be learning about toys past and present.
We will be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts about toys.

You can help at home by:

- Researching what toys were like in the past.
- Asking their Grandparents what their favourite toys were.
- Visiting the library to look for stories about toys.

Please help!

If you have any traditional toys from the past (pre-1950s) e.g. old bears, tin toy soldiers, jack-in-the-boxes, Victorian dolls, etc - we would love to look at and share these with the children. We appreciate that these will be very precious, so they will be handled with great care.

In Science we will continue to learn about a variety of materials and their properties. We will investigate materials that toys are made from and their suitability.

In History we will:

- Look at significant events in British history e.g. Gunpowder Plot and Remembrance Day.
- Look at the life and work of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.
- Compare modern toys to toys from the past.

Interactive resources are available on http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/toys_and_games/

In Art we will look at the work of different artists and create our own work in different styles. We will work with paint, pencil and mixed media.

In Design Technology we will be investigating olden day toys. We will then design and make one of our own.

In RE we will be learning about Diwali and why Christmas is celebrated.

In Computing we will be using Purple Mash and JIT to design and present our ideas. Purple Mash and JIT can both be accessed at home, by logging on to RM Unify.

Please access RM unify 'Think-You Know...' CEOP to support your child to keep safe on the internet.

In SEAL we will be focusing on 'Getting on and falling out'.

In Maths the children will continue to work on number, calculations, shape, money and measures.

Please support your child by encouraging them to access Doodle Maths at least 3 times a week.

The first half term has seen that children who are regularly using Doodle Maths have made more progress than the children who haven't.

Why not try j2blast, Tt blast to help your child improve their times tables. This can be accessed through RM Unify j2e.

To help with **reading** and **writing**:

- Read with your child **every day** and discuss the story and ask questions.
- Build sentences using key words and write them down using a capital letter and full stop.
- Write stories, lists or birthday cards together.
- Help your children with their weekly homework.
- Practise correct letter formation remembering the kinetic letters' techniques.
- Continue to practise reading and writing the common exception words.

PE Days.

1M Monday and Wednesday

1/2C Tuesday and Friday

2M Tuesday and Friday

Please make sure that your child has their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit and reading bag in school everyday. Thank you.

Thanks for your continued help and support.