

Year One

This term, our topic is Toys. We will be exploring toys from the past and present and will discuss their similarities and differences. This will introduce children to the concepts of 'old' and 'new', and encourage them to think about the changes. The children will have the opportunity to bring in their favourite toy and discuss why they like playing with it. In our Design and Technology project, the children will be making spinning tops and pop up puppets.

Literacy

Our key text for Literacy is 'Kipper's Toybox' to further support our Toys topic. The children will explore the structure of story and we will be sequencing story pictures and writing simple sentences about what is happening. As we will be exploring toys from the past, the children will be writing their own information booklets about how to play with the old toys. The children will also be writing instructions for the puppets that they will make in Design and Technology.

Regular reading at home will really help to develop your child's writing. Spellings this term will be based upon action words and the letter sounds that children are learning in their 'phonics'. It is beneficial for children to practise their spellings at home and all of your support is very much appreciated. In class, we are placing a strong emphasis on forming letters correctly and we would appreciate it if this could be something you could practise at home.

Maths

In Maths, children will be developing their counting skills further by practising to count, in order, forwards and backwards to 100. They will be understanding maths vocabulary such as more/less, before/after, addition and subtraction vocabulary. We will continue to build on their addition and subtraction skills. The children will use numicon to partition teen numbers into tens and units and begin to recognise what each digit in a 2 digit number represents. Alongside number work, children will be taught the names and features of 2D and 3D shapes and we will be comparing the weight and measurement of objects.

Science

Science this term will be focused upon materials. This will involve the children comparing different materials and discussing their properties. Children will be looking at the materials the toys are made from and thinking about why certain toys are made from those specific materials. They will also carry out an investigation finding the correct material to absorb water for a teddy bear's rain coat.

The children will also be learning about Autumn and will be encouraged to observe and talk about the weather. The children will explore the changes that happen in this season.

Preston Curriculum

Through Preston Curriculum the children learn life skills such as independence, creative thinking, resilience and team work. Over the next few weeks the children will be working on an "enterprise project". Through this project the children will be encouraged to think of creative ideas, work

together and begin to learn about budgeting.

PE

Year 1 children will be doing PE on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that PE kits are present with the children in school and are clearly named. Throwing and catching skills will be the main focus this term. Children will learn how to throw under arm and how to catch using two hands. There will be lots of opportunities for team games when practising these skills. Our PE session is taught by a professional PE coach from Middlesbrough football club.

RE

Our focus this term in RE will be "belonging". We will begin by talking about what we belong to e.g. Preston primary, our family group at school, sports clubs, Beavers and Rainbows etc. We will be thinking about how we wear uniforms and have badges to show that we belong. Following this we will be looking at belonging within Christianity and will find out about ceremonies such as christenings.

Music

The children will explore a variety of percussion instruments and listen to the different sounds they create. The children will focus on singing and how they can control their voice.

We look forward to a fun and interesting term ☺

Thank you for your support.

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