



***'Being Better Every Day'***

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year1 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 1**

We are excited to share our first curriculum newsletter of the new school year! We have some great units planned for this year. For each unit, we will share a newsletter about the term ahead and an overview of the learning.

In **Term 1**, our first unit title is 'A Toy Story'



**'Have children always played in the same way?'**

The children will talk about their favourite toys and recall if their 'favourites' have changed as they have grown older. We will ask you to support the children's understanding by sharing information about your own memories of favourite childhood toys (and where possible those of grandparents).

We will discover how toys have changed since Victorian times and see if some toys have remained popular over many years.

Children will be supported to find out information about the history of some toys using non-fiction books and the internet.

Our science work on 'Materials' will explore what toys are made of and how that links to the history of toys.

**Home Learning Project**

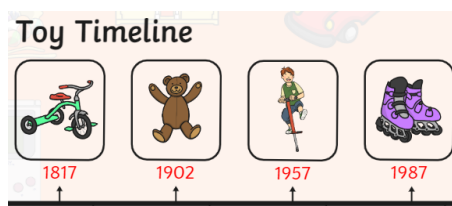
For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this topic, you could:

- Create a toy timeline.
- Present some information about the history of a particular toy.
- Sort your child's toys by materials then record.
- Present a favourite toy for your child, a parent and a grandparent and compare.

Your child may wish to come up with their own idea for their home learning project. They may want to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing it – either is fine and we look forward to seeing them.

### Images

Below are some images to inspire your home-school projects.



We have also included a website you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

### Useful Website:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/history-toys>

Home learning projects should be completed by **w/b Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

A homework grid of activities will also be sent home this term, and these optional pieces of work should be handed in on completion.

### Reading

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn, and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 1, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of 10 minutes every day. Your child's reading book will be linked to the sounds they are practising. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's reading record.

### PE

This Term Year 1 will be having PE on **Mondays**. Children will need plimsolls or trainers for PE and please make sure they wear the school P.E kit on these days.

Yours sincerely,

Miss.S.Clark

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