

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this half term is 'Toys'.

- In Art and Design, we will be using sticks and natural materials to create our own stick people and animals.
- In DT, we will be creating our own stick puppets to retell the story of the 'Stick Man' and will be designing our own toys.
- In History, we will be looking at our favourite toys and comparing them to toys from the past.
- In Geography, we will be looking at the four countries and cities in the United Kingdom and will be creating maps of Santa's journey through hot and cold places. We will also be looking at winter weather.
- In RE, we will be learning all about the Christmas story and looking at the gifts that were given to Jesus.
- In our Social Skills lessons, we will continue to develop our understanding of respect and having a positive growth mind-set.



English

Our focus stories this half term will be 'Stick Man' and 'Old Bear', which link with our topic 'Toys'. The children will develop their sentence writing skills ensuring that have a capital letter to start, finger spaces between the words and a full stop to end. We will continue to develop our skills in using adjectives to make our writing interesting and will look at different ways we can end sentences including using question marks and exclamation marks. The children will continue to develop their ability to recognise and read sounds in words through Read Write Inc. sessions and will begin to use their knowledge of sounds to develop their spelling skills.

Towards the end of the half term, we will write letters to Santa and then post them in our local post box.



Mathematics

In Maths this half term we be developing our knowledge of both 2d and 3d shapes. We will also be developing our positional vocabulary and will be focusing on developing our directional skills. The children will continue to deepen their knowledge of place value focusing on sequencing numbers to 20, finding missing numbers and writing numbers in both their numeral and written form. We will also be learning to count in multiples of 2s and 5s and will be counting to 20, both forwards and backwards from any given number.

We will be revisiting addition and subtraction where we will develop our skills in using both concrete objects and written methods to solve missing number problems. We will be developing our reasoning skills and will begin to apply our addition and subtraction skills to problem solving.

Science

In Science this half term we will be learning all about different materials including metal, wood, plastic, glass and rock. We will be looking at different objects and the materials they are made from and will look at the different properties that materials have. Our experiment will focus on exploring the best material to use to make a toy boat. We will research which materials float and that will be strong enough to make the boat.

We will also look at how the weather and the length of day changes in winter.



Enrichment

This half term the children will take part in a toys day where we will have a go at playing games from the past and present.

Important Dates & Information

- Please ensure your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday to use throughout the week. Thank you.