

Autumn Term 2017 Key Stage 1

Is the Wii more fun than Grandma and Grandad's old toys?

This term we will be investigating whether toys that our parents or grandparents played with are more enjoyable than the toys we play with today. We will be learning how to identify artefacts from the past and questioning older adults to find out what life was like when they were children. We will enhance our learning with a trip to Sudbury Hall and the National Trust Museum of Childhood, where we will gain first-hand experience of handling toys from different generations. Please be aware that later in the term we will be inviting grandparents into school to share their childhood experiences.



Maths

During our topic, we will continue to learn basic maths skills in addition to linked activities such as playing in role as toy shop owners and reading charts and graphs.

Literacy

We are looking forward to sharing lots of fantasy stories, such as *Bob on the Moon* by Simon Bartram & Harry and the *Bucketful of Dinosaurs* at the Museum by Adrian Reynolds. We will also be looking at how we can write persuasively, linking our topic question into our literacy work.

ICT

We will be developing our keyboard skills and using a range of programs to create different media files, incorporating sound and images.

Art & DT

We will be learning how to draw shapes and objects by looking closely and making observations. We will explore a range of art media, e.g. charcoal and pencils, to create different tones of light and dark in our work. After half term we will be using wheels and axels to make a moving toy.

PE

The children will be learning skills basic skills for invasion games and skills to play in teams. We will also be covering dance and gymnastic skills. Please ensure your child has their correct PE kit in school at all times.

Science

At the beginning of the Autumn term, we will be looking at how our world is changing. We will predict and draw conclusions about how habitats change in the seasons. After half term, we will think carefully about how we can keep our bodies healthy and investigate the effects of exercise on our bodies.

Music

While rehearsing for the Harvest Festival and Christmas performance, we will be enhancing our singing skills looking at dynamics and tempo.

R.E

Our focus will begin on special books and their links to different religions. We will compare different stories and the messages we can learn from them. After half term, we will be preparing for Christmas and our Nativity performance.

PHSE & Citizenship

This term we will be reflecting on new beginnings and how we can get along with others and deal with conflict.

Home Learning Project

Following our theme of toys, we would like the children to design and make their own board game. There are no restrictions to how they make their game and they could include some instructions on how to play the game too. Completed home learning projects should be handed in by Friday 3rd November.

You can help your child by:

Listening to your child read at home for at least 15-20 minutes everyday. Your child can use Phonics Bug and Bug Club online at home to access a great range of books with related comprehension questions to help with their understanding too. Login at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk using the first four letters of your child's first name, followed by the first four letters of your child's surname (no spaces). The default password for all accounts is 'changeme' and our school code is 67aa.

Remember to check the Mathletics website for any maths home learning sent by your class teacher. There is a regular Mathletics club at lunchtimes in school too if your child cannot access Mathletics at home. Please help and encourage your child to practise any spellings, maths Learn It's and complete any additional home learning tasks that are given.