

# Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term One 2017

## Welcome back

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are ready for our new school year!

## Topic

This half term our topic will be **Toys**. In Literacy, we will be looking at texts all about toys and using them as a stimulus to develop our independent writing skills. We will be focusing on writing accurate simple sentences with a capital letter, finger spaces and full stops. This topic also gives us the opportunity to investigate toys from the past and we welcome both parents and grandparent input. Within Science, we will be looking at materials of toys and their properties. We will pay particular attention to how these have changed over the years. ICT will begin with practising basic keyboard skills and then move onto creating images and sentences about our toys. Art will involve recreating toys from the past.

## Reminders

- ⇒ Children will be collected from the top playground at 8.40 each morning by their class teacher. The children will be shown where to line up by their new teacher.
- ⇒ At the end of the day, children will be lined up on the same playground ready to be collected. The class teacher or TA will send your child to you when they have seen you waiting.
- ⇒ Children must have their P.E. kits in school from Monday to Friday as we will be taking every opportunity to take learning outside (weather permitting).  
Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday.
- ⇒ Please ensure children only bring water in their water bottles as children will not be able to consume anything else during learning time.
- ⇒ Children must bring their book bags to school each day with reading books, home school diaries and their reading rockets inside.
- ⇒ Children should only bring a healthy snack for playtimes, preferably with their name on. These will be kept in the healthy snack tray.

## Home Learning

Children will be sent home with their home learning on a weekly basis. Home learning will be sent home on a Friday in an exercise book and due the following Thursday, in order for it to be marked. Children benefit hugely from reading at home and we would be grateful if this could continue. Finally, there will be a reading rocket for your child to practise reading their key words.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions. The best time is at the end of the school day. Thank you for your on-going support, Miss Cunnington, Miss Nash, Mrs Putland & Mr Kearsley.