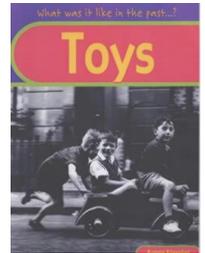




Class1 Newsletter



Spring 2020



Welcome back. We have an exciting term ahead – Our two topics will be **'Toys Galore'**, learning about the toys children played with in the past and **'Wild things'**, learning about animal groups. We have plans to visit the Recreation Ground in Feniton to investigate playgrounds and hold a coffee morning to find out what our parents and grandparents used to play with.

History /Geography – We will be exploring the types of toys and games played with in the past and comparing them to what we play with today. We will also look at the toys and games used in Melanesia.

After half term we will be exploring the island we live on using the story Katie Morag to begin to question what is an island?

Music – Songs and rhymes from the past. We will explore beat while learning songs about machines and pitch while learning songs about animals.



D&T - This half-term we will be experimenting with, making and designing our own playgrounds. We will also be looking at some toys and investigating what forces they use to make them move.

Literacy – We have started to look at traditional tales. We will also be using toys to write our own stories using the book Nobot the Robot. Next term's work will include planning and writing about our fantasy worlds.

Mathematics – We continue to follow the Maths NoProblem scheme. Where possible we will also link to our theme – we will be measuring when we look at toy cars; using knowledge of the number system to explore non-fiction books. There will also be problem solving and using money in our role play toy shop.

Science – We will studying the weather around us, discussing the four seasons and observing and describing the weather associated with them and how day length varies.



ICT – This half term we will use BeeBot toys to begin to look at writing simple algorithms and find out if we need to debug any instructions! After half term we will continue to develop our keyboard skills and write short stories.



Animals – we will look at how animals are grouped together and what they eat.

RE – We are exploring big questions about God and beliefs. We will continue to look at our Heart values and link these with stories from the Bible.

Reading: Your child will read in a small adult guided group regularly during the week. To support their reading development, please could you share a book with your child or read their book for 5-10 minutes every day. We will continue to praise children for their reading at home if it is recorded in their reading record book.

Homework: Apart from reading with your child, homework will be given to them on a Friday. Please ensure that this is returned by the following Friday.



PE: Your child will have PE on Thursday and Friday, so they will need their PE kits in school for this. Please ensure it is named.

– We will be exploring our themes through P.E. Developing and expressing ideas through drama and dance. Also learning games and developing ball skills.

Absence: If your child is absent from school please telephone school on the first day.

Clothing and Personal items: Please make sure that these are named clearly.

Drinks bottles: Please supply your child with a clear bottle of water for during the day, this will be put in the cloakroom for them to access during the day and at break time.

Thank you for your support. Please do come and chat to me if you have any queries, ideas or just want to say "hello". I hope you and your child will have a happy and enjoyable term of learning.

Mrs Geale