



# Autumn 2



## 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 'Stickman' 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

This half term the children will be involved in Read, Write, Inc lessons where they will continue to develop their understanding of sounds and their ability to recognise sounds in words in order to read them. They will also use their knowledge of sounds in order to develop their spelling skills and their ability to write down simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Our focus story this half term will be 'Stick Man' and 'Old Bear' which links nicely with our topic 'Toys'. 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 skills of direction. 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, 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 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 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

We will be holding a toy afternoon where toys from across the ages will be shared and played. Date to be confirmed.

### Important Dates & Information

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

