



Topic: Toys Now and Then

We hope you all had a fun-filled half term break!

EYFS children have settled brilliantly to work together in provision to develop their learning through play, as well as adapting to the new groups of Oak, Willow and Beech. This means that the children may be grouped differently for some sessions to ensure that we are providing the best opportunities and education for all of our children.

The new system is working well and the children have adapted to the new routines brilliantly! All staff work together to support the children so feel free to speak to any member of the team regarding your child!

This term our topic will be 'Toys Now and Then' in which we will explore toys past and present, which gives us opportunity to develop the children's understanding of history and the present day, as well as offering lots of creative opportunities, as well as discussion and exploration of people and communities. We will also be able to explore some scientific concepts to consider how things work and are made/designed. Feel free to share your own conversations at home around these subject, they help to build a broad picture of the children's understanding and skills.

The children part in age specific phonics sessions each day with Nursery beginning to prepare for phonics and Reception continuing with Phase 2. Support and information is available on our website linked to this, there will also be an Early Reading Workshop held on Wednesday 22nd November at 9.30 which all parents are welcome to attend.

The children also take part in daily mastery in number sessions to develop their understanding of numerical concepts, again further information will be shared about this.

Our EYFS curriculum is always open ended and child led as we aim to provide the most stimulating opportunities for the children to apply their learning to different contexts. Themes and questioning support the children to explore different areas and lead their learning where their interests take them.

You can follow your child's journey on Tapestry, where we share our observations and you can also share activities and progress at home. If you do not yet have access to this, please let a member of the team know.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us, with Christmas looming so please keep checking for further updates about exciting activities.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask one of the team.

Miss Uney and the EYFS/Key Stage 1 Team

Reading

Once Reception children reach an appropriate level, reading books will be sent home, with guidance, although this will not be until later in the term.

Currently, reading for pleasure is the best way to enjoy books with your child. Talking about books and sharing ideas is so valuable as the children begin their reading journey.

The children will visit the library each week to choose a book to share with you.

Autumn 2 Class Texts

We will be exploring the following texts this half term:

The Everywhere Bear
The Brown Paper Bear
No Bot: The Robot with No Bottom
Boy + Bot
Ten Little Robots
Harry and his Bucketful of Robots
William's Winter Wish
The First Christmas

PE Kits and Forest Schools

Please ensure your child always has their PE kit in school.

Reception will have PE on a Monday and Friday.
Nursery will have PE on a Tuesday morning.

Children will be taking part in Forest Schools session during this half term on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure they have suitable waterproof clothing for outdoor learning in all weathers.