



## Topic Toys Past and Present

Welcome back, we are excited for the half term ahead of us.

Our new topic is Toys: past and present. This topic will allow us to explore the children's interests and how toys have changed and evolved over time. We will look at how technology has progressed and address online safety too. This topic will give the children their prior knowledge to support them before beginning the National Curriculum for History in KS1. We will help the children to understand time and changes; we would be grateful if you could send via tapestry a baby picture of your child. To do this log in tapestry and click on observation, there should be an add an observation tab for you to add images etc.

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.

Reception children will continue phase 2 phonics, we aim for the children to be able to blend by the end of this term. You can support your child at home by sounding out words such as 'b-i-n' in everyday conversations to help them hear the blends. Some children will continue to have wordless books and will move onto books with words when they are confident with blending. Nursery children will continue with their foundations to phonics lessons daily. The children also take part in Maths White Rose sessions daily to develop their understanding of numerical concepts. Reception will cover shapes and numbers 1 to 5. Nursery will look at counting and subitising.

The previous newsletter informed Reception parents that their child will take part in the Reception Baseline; all children have now completed this. This half term, all children who started in September will be screened on Wellcomm, a screening tool which allows us to identify any gaps in speech, language and communication. This is part of the universal offer all children in EBOR schools will receive during their Early Years experience.

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 check your email inbox or let a member of the team know.

Parent sessions will begin again this half term and are listed below, we have provided different days in the hope they work around your busy schedules. Dates are also below for the Christmas performances to give you as much notice as possible. Miss Reina and Mrs Seaver hope to have all the children's parts sorted by the end of November. We have lots of school costumes already but if we need your help in providing a specific costume we will aim to inform you before the end of November.

Before and after school, parents are unable to enter the EYFS unit or playground area therefore we kindly ask for you to collect and drop off your child to the member of staff on the gate.

Thank you for your support,  
The EYFS Team

### Key dates

Monday 10th November - EYFS phonics session (Parents of Nursery and Reception children are invited to watch their child's phonics lesson for 20 minutes. Please wait in the school office. 9.10-9.30am)

Tuesday 18th November - EYFS phonics session (Parents of Nursery and Reception children are invited to watch their child's phonics lesson for 20 minutes. Please wait in the school office. 9.10-9.30am)

Thursday 4th December - EYFS phonics session (Parents of Nursery and Reception children are invited to watch their child's phonics lesson for 20 minutes. Please wait in the school office. 9.10-9.30am)

Friday 12th December AM performance to KS2 and community (time tbc)

Monday 15th December PM performance of Christmas performance (time tbc)

Tuesday 16th December AM performance of Christmas performance (time tbc) Ticket details and allocation TBC

EYFS Christmas party Thursday 18th - 2.15pm (if it is not your child's session they are welcome to be dropped off at 2.15 at the office and collected at 3.30pm from the EYFS doors)

### PE Kits and Forest Schools

Forest School will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Reception will have PE on Monday with Mrs Seaver and a Thursday with Tigers Trust. Nursery will have PE on a Tuesday morning. Children can arrive in PE kit and will get changed into their uniform afterwards.

### Reading

Reception books will now need to be returned on a Friday.

We are promoting a love of reading therefore every Friday the children visit the new library and enjoy a story session there. They then get to choose a story to bring home; the children really look forward to this and it is an amazing opportunity for them.