

What are we learning about this term?

Themes

For the first 2 weeks the whole school will be entering the world of dragons! We will explore our class book 'The Knight & the Dragon' to create some fantastic work to share with the school. Our main theme this term is 'Toys.' We will be recognising the difference between toys of the past and those of today. We will compare toys from around the world and consider whether all children have the same access to toys. The children will create art work based on their own teddies as well as dances and music based on 'The Magic Toy Shop'. We will also begin to prepare for the Year 1 phonics screening test with help from some alien friends!

English



As writers we will:

- Write instructions for making a moving dragon scene.
- Create sensory poems based on Spring.
- Write stories with familiar settings.
- Use labels, lists and captions whilst planning for a toy's party.
- Include descriptive language when writing about a favourite toy.

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Year 1 Toys



Mathematics

As mathematicians we will:

- Recognise, find and name fractions of shapes, objects and quantities.
- Find doubles and halves of a given number.
- Practically share food items for a teddy bear's party as an introduction to division.
- Compare, describe and solve practical problems for weight/mass, capacity and volume.

Science and Foundation subjects

- As scientists, we will identify and name a variety of materials and investigate their properties.
- As geographers, we will investigate toys from around the world and make comparisons with our own toys.
- As historians, we will be sorting modern toys and toys from the past and exploring how toys have changed over the past 100 years.
- As designers, we will plan, design and make a knight and dragon moving scene with a push lever.
- As musicians, we will create music to represent the different toys that could be found in a toy shop with support from Alcester Academy ('Sound Beam')
- Our dance will develop our collaborative skills in creating a dance based on 'The Magic Toy Shop'.
- As artists we will be creating banners to support our class Bible story - Noah's Ark.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will learn that both Christians and Jews have books that are special to them as they are a gift from God. Our Value this half term is 'Generosity', please talk with your child about generosity at home.
- In computing we will be working on our word processing skills.



Please bring a bottle of water to school every day.

Class Routines

- Your child has a new PowerProject to complete over the term, due in on 31st March.
- Maths homework will continue to be given every fortnight on a Monday, to be returned the following Monday. It will support maths learning that we have been doing in class.
- 'Spelling Menus', to support your child's phonic knowledge, will continue to be given out every Friday. Children who complete one or more activities per week have shown great improvement in their reading and spelling.
- Books for our online reading scheme 'Bug Club' have been allocated for this term. If your child's log in does not work, or you do not know the details, please speak to their class teacher.
- Swimming: you will receive a letter when it is time for your child to swim, this may not be until the summer term for some children.
- PPA will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon. Your child will need to bring their outdoor sports kit into school in a named bag (trainers, t-shirt and tracksuit. Please remember to send socks for girls wearing tights).
- The children will now be doing PE on a Monday or Tuesday morning - please ensure their kit (shorts and t-shirt - pumps not necessary) is kept in school at all times. It will be sent home at half term for washing.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, the Year One team: Mrs Kalaker, Mrs Andrews & Miss Witts.