

# What are we learning about this term?

## Theme

Our 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 topic will also include a two week mini-topic on traditional tales which will focus on 'The Elves and The Shoemaker.'

### English

As writers, we will;

- Write labels, lists and captions whilst planning for a toy's party.
- Write instructions for making a puppet.
- Create sensory poems based on toys.
- Write stories with familiar settings.
- Use descriptive language to write about a favourite toy.
- Focus on 'Traction Man' and write a story of his adventures.

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### Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Recognise 2D and 3D shapes and discuss their properties.
- Count in multiples of twos, fives and tens.
- Find doubles and halves of a given number.
- Practically share food items for a party showing division facts
- Secure knowledge of place value within 20 (14 as 14 and not 41, shown by tens and ones)
- Become fluent with addition and subtraction up to 30.

### Science and Foundation subjects

- As scientists, we will be exploring materials as well as looking at seasonal changes; exploring the season of winter.
- 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 be using different methods to make toy puppets.
- As musicians, we will create music to represent the different toys that could be found in a toy shop.
- Our dance will develop our collaborative skills in creating a dance based on 'The Magic Toy Shop'.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be looking at how and why different religions celebrate sacred times.

### Class Routines/notices

- Spellings will be given out in the children's weekly planners on a Friday, to be tested upon the following Friday. From this term the spellings will be written in a simple sentence.
- 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.
- PPA will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon with PPA kit being worn all day on a Wednesday.
- Power projects will be sent out on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January to be returned for a year group display on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Feel free to bring any in if they are completed before this date.
- To support our learning on the topic of toys it would be great if the children had the opportunity to talk with parents/grandparents/aunties and uncles about the sorts of toys that they played with as children. Are there any that are the same?

School Value - Our whole school value for this term is 'Thankfulness'

Thank you for your continued support. The Year One Team.