



Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 1

Half Term 2

Topic: Toys – Same and different



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, Year One pupils will be taught through the reading of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. In addition to this, pupils will begin the teaching of phase 4 phonics. Children will practice reading and writing words containing adjacent consonants and previously taught sounds. Also, children will continue to practice reading alien words (non-sense words).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week. Read your child a book on night – develop a love of reading. Test your child's phonics knowledge using their sound book.
Maths	In Maths, the class will continue to familiarise themselves with numbers up to 100, understanding place value and completing simple addition and subtraction within 10. We will also continue to count forwards and backwards from 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will also begin to identify and recognise the properties of 2-D shapes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count anything and everything with your child; the number of steps, number of sweets, anything! Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
Science	In Science, the class will look to develop their knowledge of the different animal groups and diets – making direct comparisons and links to humans. The children will be focusing on identifying, naming, and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to your child about the different parts of the body and see if they know the 5 senses.
History	In History, Year One will be investigating how toys have changed over time. The children will have the opportunity to experience a range of toys from the past – identifying any similarities or differences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to your child about your old toys. Show your child any toys you have kept from your childhood.
Geography	In geography, children will learn that the world is divided in to 7 continents and begin to understand that animals are suited to their landscape and climate. Children will learn that North and South America are two separate continents that span the length of the globe and know what a polar region is and why it is called this. Children will also know that some animals are endangered and what this means.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at maps online and at atlases together. Play with 'google earth' to get a 'feel' for our planet and what it looks like.
Art	In Art, pupils will be looking at the effective use of colour. The children will identify the primary and secondary colours, different shades and tints of a colour. The children will also research the work of Richmond base artist – Mckenzie Thorp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research some of Mckenzie Thorp's work online. Paint your own self-portrait at home.
Design Tech	In DT, Year One will begin to grow their own fruit and vegetable garden. Pupils will deepen their understanding of how to successfully grow their own products. The class will plan and create their own fruit salad before making this for a school picnic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trying growing your own fruit and vegetables at home. Make children aware of a healthy diet and what it consists of.

PE	<p>In PE, the sport specific focus will be Dance. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons every week. The aim of these PE lessons will be to develop the fundamentals of movements (jog, jump, hop) and key skills, for example; balance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. It could be; a walk, a run or an outdoor game/activity.
RE	<p>In RE, pupils will be looking at what it means to belong in Christianity. Children will reflect on what it means to belong by looking at how they belong to the school family; they will relate this to what belonging means to Christianity. Within this unit, children will develop key skills such as: empathy, awareness and respect.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about belonging and what this means to your family.
Computer Science and IT	<p>In Computer Science and IT, children will begin to use logical reasoning to predict behaviour of simple programmes. Pupils will program Bee-bots to navigate from one point to another using a specific direction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download the Bee-Bot app for your child to play with.
Online Safety	<p>Children in Year One, will what do if something goes wrong whilst being online. The children will share their ideas and build a deeper understanding of online safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make your child aware of Online Safety rules.
Personal, Social and Health Education	<p>In PSHE, Year One will be looking at relationships. Pupils will need to identify key features of a successful friendship and understand how friendships develop overtime. In addition to this – pupils must understand and acknowledge that friendships do have challenges – pupils will discuss appropriate ways to deal with these. Children will also learn about how to keep themselves safe – recognising which people can help them – and how to prepare food safely.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about friendships with your child. • Discuss different emotions, make your child aware that we all feel emotions and that it is good to talk about them.