

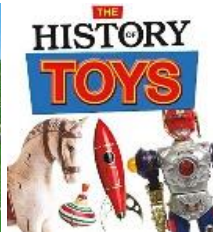
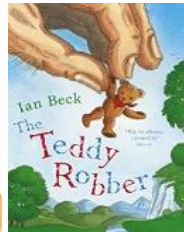


Autumn 1

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We welcome the children back after the summer break, and look forward to learning lots of new things with them. This half term our Year 1 topic will be **'Toys'**. Our learning will be based around our quality texts; 'Knuffle Bunny' by Mo Willems, 'SHHH!' by Sally Grindley, 'The Teddy Robber' by Ian Beck, and 'The History of Toys' by Helen Cox Cannons.



Religion

We are going to begin the term by looking at our school mission statement:

'Through love and service, with Jesus in our hearts and our heads, we can achieve anything.'



We will be listening to and learning the Creation story and thinking about 'How do people know about God?' You may want to spend some time talk and sharing this story with your child.

English

In English this half term will be developing our fiction writing through settings and character descriptions. Our focus will be extending our vocabulary, speaking in full sentences and continuing to develop our sentence structure.

Reading will continue to be a crucial part of our learning. It is essential that the children are able to recognise and spell **'tricky words'** as well as being able to use their phonics knowledge to improve both their reading and writing. We are encouraging the children to read as much as possible and to further develop their comprehension skills by answering questions about a text.

Phonics

Focused phonics sessions will take place every day. Please encourage your children to apply their phonics knowledge to their reading by sounding out and blending words. At St Joseph's we follow the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme. You can find further information about Little Wandle and how phonics is taught on their website:

www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/



Maths

In maths we are currently focussing on numbers to 10. We are reading and saying these numbers and representing them using a variety of resources such as counters. We will also be learning our 'number bonds' to 10 ($1+9=10$, $2+8=10$, etc). Other important maths targets in Year 1 are to count to 100 forwards and backwards, to read and write numbers to 100 and to identify one more than and one less than for each of these numbers. Please spend as much time as you can practising these important targets with your child and try to make them into a game by using counters, covering numbers, singing numbers, etc. The children will also be working hard to develop their problem-solving skills.

Topic

History: In this topic we will be learning all about the toys from the past. We will be comparing old and new toys. Please talk to your children about the toys which you used to play with when you were a child; perhaps before games consoles, iPads and computers!

Design & Technology: We will be designing and making our very own cone puppets.

Geography: We will be learning about the continents of the world. We will be looking at globes, maps and compass points, and will be learning to recite the names of the continents off by heart. Please look at your class webpage for a great song to help your child learn their continents!

Science

In science this half term we will be learning about the human body and our five senses. We will be labelling body parts and discussing which part of the body is associated with each sense. We will also be learning about the seasons and this will involve observing and describing how the weather changes and how the day length varies.

PE

This half term classes 3 and 4 will have PE on **Mondays and Fridays**. Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit on these days. For safety, please ensure that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed.

Homework

Reading – Please continue to read every day with your child. Books will only be changed if reading records have been signed by an adult.

Reading Rainbow – This year we will be introducing the 'Reading Rainbow' to the children. They will move up the reading rainbow for number of occasions they read.

30 times reading – Red
60 times reading – Orange
90 times reading – Yellow
120 times reading – Green
150 times reading – Blue
180 times reading – Indigo
200 times reading – Violet



We hope that your children enjoy exploring our new topic.

The Year 1 team