



Thorncombe St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2017 "Toy Story"



P.E.	As last year, children will have P.E sessions on Monday mornings with our sports coach Mr Bailey, We are lucky to have a basketball coach working with us this half term and he will teach basketball skills on Friday mornings. We expect all children to have their kits in school on P.E days. Please ensure all items are named!!!
Music	Children will explore, choose and organise sounds and musical ideas. We will particularly focus on making and using sounds expressively and we will think about the types of sounds we can make including long and short sounds. Through choral worship we will also continue to develop a confident repertoire of songs,
ICT	During the topic the children will be using the internet to gain information to increase their understanding of the topic. They will use digital cameras to take photographs and make video images to enhance their learning. Some of their work will be used within Literacy lessons and be made into a book. We will produce presentations to share with other classes about different ways to look after ourselves.
Design Technology/ Art and Design	This term, in Art sessions we will be learning how to develop our observational drawing skills and print and paint pictures of toys. We will also design and make a puppet, as well as sew a Christmas decoration. We hope to start weekly cooking sessions this term and we will learn how to make cakes and scones.

Pippin Class - Reception, Year 1 & 2
Class Teacher: Mrs Clements
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Hockett,
Mrs Welch

General Information

Welcome to the start of the Autumn term. This letter gives some information about the curriculum areas that we will be covering this half term and our 'Toy Story' topic. There is a strong focus on History this term as we think about old toys and compare them to new ones. We will also have a Science focus as we discuss the properties and uses of materials. Please see the attached pages for information regarding the learning journeys that will take place in different curriculum areas. Please be reminded that, although studying the same theme, children currently in Reception will take part in much play based learning based around our topic and much of their learning will stem from particular interests and their questions.

How to support your child at home:

For Key Stage 1 children, "Weekly Words" will be sent home on Fridays and revisited in school during the week before being assessed the following Wednesday.

Numeracy homework will be sent home on Fridays to be completed and returned the following week. This will usually be an activity which is linked to the work that we have covered in class that week.

We also ask that you hear your child read **at least 3 times a week** and record a comment in the home school reading diary.

If you have any questions about these topics, or any areas of your children's learning, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Mrs Clements

English	This term we will focus on a traditional tale and a fairy story, as well as books with a toy theme. Children will be taught how to write labels, captions, lists, instructions, and produce a narrative story using toys as a starting point.
Maths	This term we will consolidate our place value knowledge and move to addition and subtraction. Children in Reception will continue to count, recognise numbers, match numerals to groups of objects and find one more and one less than numbers to ten and twenty. We will move onto measuring (money) and geometry (shape) activities.
Knowledge and Understanding of the World (Science, History, Geography)	We have discussed with the children what they already know about "Toys" and asked them what they would like to find out. Many of the children are able to talk about their favourite toy and many want to find out how toys are made. We hope to arrange a visit from the Museum of Somerset where we will explore Victorian toys and compare them to the toys we play with today. We will also explore the properties of materials and design experiments to consider which material is the most shiny and which is most waterproof.
R.E. PSHE	This term we will focus on Christianity and the Creation story. Through collective worship opportunities we will be thinking about the Christian value of "generosity" and what this means to us. We will be using 'Jigsaw' to support our ongoing PSHE work. This term our jigsaw piece will be 'Being Me in My World' and after half term we will be 'Celebrating Difference'.