

Year 1 Newsletter - Autumn 1

Topic

Our new topic is **Toys Through Time**



In **history**, we will begin by looking at different toys from the past and how they compare to toys now. We have a fantastic box of resources arriving from Chesterfield Museum! We will also look at changes in manufacturing - how toys used to be made by hand but are now made by machines.

In **science**, we will be learning about different materials and the different materials that toys are made from.

In **art**, we are learning how to draw using continuous lines. We will focus on the artist, **Molly Haslund** and use her as inspiration to create our own spirals.

Writing

This half term we are focusing on fine motor skills through Dough Disco, Pen Disco and Finger gym.

We teach handwriting every day, ensuring that children are able to form all lower case letters correctly.

We will also teach some of the most common tricky words, e.g. **the, you, was, my, me, to, he, she, said.**

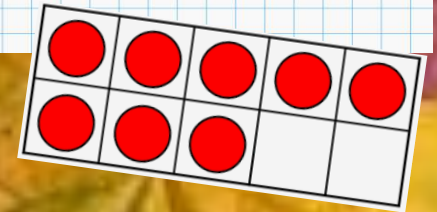
Towards half term, we will begin Drawing Club using Dear Zoo and The Naughty Bus to stimulate our imaginations.



Maths

Our maths focus this half term is **Place Value within 10**

The children will be gaining a greater understanding of numbers to 10 by ordering, sorting, matching and comparing numbers, as well as learning to read and spell written numbers to ten. They will use a range of resources to support them.

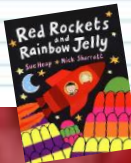


Reading

Reading books for pleasure forms a huge part of our curriculum. It opens up new worlds for children, giving them the opportunities to use their imagination, explore new ideas, visit new places, and meet new characters. It also improves children's well-being and empathy.

Our focus author this half term is the brilliant, **Julia Donaldson**. Our traditional tale is **Jack and the Beanstalk**.

Our theme is **Respect**.



Other info

Our school value for this half term is... **RESPECT**

Reading at Home - Please remember to read with your child 3 times a week and record in their diary. Books and Diaries must be in school every day.

School Photo Day – Tuesday 23rd September

Parents Evening – 7th and 8th October.

Break up for half term – Friday 17th October.

Inset Day – 3rd November.