

Our Autumn term topic is 'What shall we play today?'.  
I hope that this leaflet will give you more of an idea of what your child will be learning about this term.

Please come and see us or message me on Class Dojo if you have any worries or any questions. I will always be happy to help!

Many thanks for your support.

Miss Davenport  
(Class 1 teacher)

**Key reminders:**

- Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays.
- Please read with your child at least three times a week and write it in your child's reading record. Books are to be kept in bookbags so they have them in school as well as at home.
- Homework is set on a Friday and due back in on the following Thursday. Please ensure all homework books are returned by the due date.
- Spellings will be going home to practise on Mondays to be tested on the following Monday. Please make sure children are following the 'read, cover, write, check' method.



**Class 1**

**Autumn 2024 Overview**

**English:**

This term in English, we will be writing labels and captions about toys. Children will be researching facts about toys to make a fact file. We will then go on to reading books by Cressida Cowell and comparing the books she wrote.

After half term, we will be learning about the author Shirley Hughes and completing author studies.

**Top Tip:** You could write a list of toys you have at home and then write a list of new toys you would like for Christmas.

Do you have any books by Cressida Cowell at home? We would love for you to share them with us.

**Maths:**

Reception children will be spending this term getting to know numbers and counting objects. We will also look at simple patterns and matching and comparing objects.

**Topic:** In topic this term we are focusing on changes in toys. We will be focusing on the question 'How have children's toys changed since our older relatives were little?'. We will look at the changes in toys over the past 60 years. The children will begin by looking at modern-day toys and they will discuss and make comparisons between the toys they play with in the modern day to the toys their parents and grandparents played with.

**Top Tip:** Discuss with children at home what their favourite toys are to play with and share any toys parents/previous generations in the family enjoyed playing with. We would love to see some pictures of children playing with toys from older generations!

**Art:** In art we will be taking pictures and sketching toys. We will be using pastels and charcoal on these pictures. We will then go onto autumn art with leaves.

**Top Tip:** How many different toys can you take pictures of and draw at home?

**Science:** To start with this year we will be learning about seasonal change. We will be looking at what happens as the seasons change and how it affects living things. After half term we will move onto 'Everyday materials'. We will learn what materials are used to make objects and comparing materials to discover why they have been used.

**Top Tip:** Discuss with children what they notice outside their window as they wake up/go to bed each day. Is it getting brighter/darker? Are there birds outside and are they still there later on in the year?

**R.E:** In RE we will be learning about the Christian creation story. We will be learning about who Christians believe created the world and how. After half term, we will move onto what it means to religious people to be part of a faith community.

**Music:** In music for the first part of the term, we will be learning two songs. The first song is 'Rhythm in the way we walk'

Year 1 will be learning about the place value of numbers within 10. They will then move on to doing simple addition and subtraction within 10.

Year 2 will be learning about the place value of numbers up to 100. They will be adding and subtracting these numbers and finding different ways of representing the numbers. We will then go onto geometry where we will be looking at the features of 2D and 3D shapes, along with learning about lines of symmetry.

**Top Tip:** This is a useful maths website that you might like to look at with your child. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

**PSHE:** In PSHE this term we will be starting by making our class rules and what makes a safe classroom. We will be also be discussing who is special to us and what makes a good friend.

where children will be learning the song with actions and performing it at the end. The other song is 'Banana Rap'. This song focuses on the pitch of music. After half term, we will start learning and performing Christmas songs.

**ICT:** To begin with in computing we will be learning about online safety. We will be learning how to use PurpleMash effectively and how to stay safe when using electronic devices. We will then go onto collecting data and making pictograms using PurpleMash.