

## Curriculum Information for Parents

### Year 1 – Autumn Term 2 2023

#### English

We are delighted to be launching 'The Curious Quests' This is a follow on to drawing club which the children have been thoroughly enjoying. They have shown us some great imaginative ideas and writing. Our cosy reads will be based around a number of texts around toys, one of these will be 'Traction Man'. We want the children to continue reading every day at home and learn their common words as this will really help build up their fluency and confidence in their reading.

#### Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include....

- Continuing to count to and across 10 forwards and backwards, starting at any given number
- Recalling our number bonds to 10
- Reading and writing numbers from 0 up to 10 and beyond in numerals
- Adding and subtracting one-digit numbers to 10, including zero
- Recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

## Time Travellers - Toys

### Welcome to Autumn 2!

On the **31<sup>st</sup> October** we would like the children to bring in a favourite toy.

### Our school Trip to Milestones Museum is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**From 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November**, we would like to invite grandparents and parents to talk about their childhood and the favourite toys they played with. Where possible, it would be great if they could bring in the old toys to show. This could be on any day from 3pm. Please let the class teacher know if you can help with this. On the **20<sup>th</sup> November** please can children to bring in their favourite teddy bear.

#### Other Information

- Staying hydrated is crucially important to both health and learning. Please send your child in with a labelled water bottle and ensure it is cleaned regularly and it contains only water.
- Our PE sessions are on a Tuesday and Friday. Every day we have 'Wake and Shake' sessions.
- Phonics wallets need to be in daily (this is their reading book and phonics booklet).
- Library visit day will be on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Book count will be on a Wednesday (please ensure reading logs are always in on this day).
- Please ensure PE kit and school clothes are clearly labelled.

#### Suggestions to help your child at home...

Reading together at home is a fabulous way to encourage the development of your child's reading. Phonics reading books as well as their phonics booklets will go home every day for you to use at home and they are expected to be in every day to be used in our daily phonics lessons.

### Our learning during this unit will include....

#### Science

This term we will be distinguishing between objects and the materials they are made of. We will be identifying and naming a variety of materials including: metal, wood, plastic, rocks and ceramics including glass. We will be describing the properties of a variety of every day materials and comparing and grouping together materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

#### Computing

We will create a digital greetings card, which could be used for a religious festival such as Diwali or Christmas, a birthday or simply to say thank you or good luck.

#### PE

In gymnastics we will be exploring the 5 body shapes and how movements can be linked together smoothly, considering speed and levels. We will be composing a short sequence of two or three body shapes from the straight, tuck, straddle or pike family.

#### History

In this unit we will be learning about changes within living memory, how toys were shaped and formed from Victorian times until modern days. We will be looking at the most popular toys in the past and present.

#### RE

RE will see us exploring the concept of 'journeys' through the story of Nativity. The children will be thinking about journeys in their own lives and they will discuss how journeys are fun and why they are important to them.

#### DT

In DT we will explore and evaluate a range of teddy bears and choose the best material and filling to sew a teddy bear using running stitches.

#### Music

This unit about toys explores dynamics (loud and quiet sounds) and tempi (fast and slow sounds). It is based on the popular idea that toys get up and move about when their owners aren't looking.

#### PSHE

We will be learning about ourselves and discussing what is the same and different about each other. We will talk about what makes each of us special and how everyone has different strengths.