



Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 1

Half Term 2

Topic: Toys – Same and Different



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	<p>In English, your child will explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. This half term, our chosen text will be 'The Little Red Hen' & 'The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza'. Your child will continue to develop their sentence writing by including full stops, capital letters and finger spaces as well as improving their work by including some adjectives and conjunctions.</p> <p><u>Phonics</u></p> <p>In Phonics, your child will begin the teaching and learning of Phase 5 phonics. They will practise reading and writing words with alternative spellings for the different vowel sounds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week. • Read your child a book on night – develop a love of reading. • Test your child's phonics knowledge using their sound book
Maths	<p>In Maths, the class will continue to familiarise themselves with numbers up to 100, understanding place value and completing simple addition and subtraction within 10. We will also continue to count forwards and backwards from 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will also begin to identify and recognise the properties of 2-D shapes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count anything and everything with your child; the number of steps, number of sweets, anything! • Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
Science	<p>In Science, the class will look to develop their knowledge of the different animal groups and diets – making direct comparisons and links to humans. The children will be focusing on identifying, naming, and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about the different parts of the body and see if they know the 5 senses.
History	<p>In History, Year One will be investigating how toys have changed over time. The children will have the opportunity to experience a range of toys from the past – identifying any similarities or differences.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about your old toys. • Show your child any toys you have kept from your childhood.
Art	<p>In Art, pupils will be looking at the effective use of colour. The children will identify the primary and secondary colours, different shades and tints of a colour. The children will also research the work of Richmond base artist – Mckenzie Thorp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research some of Mckenzie Thorp's work online. • Paint your own self-portrait at home.
Geography	<p>In geography, children will learn that the world is divided in to 7 continents and begin to understand that animals are suited to their landscape and climate. Children will learn that North and South America are two separate continents that span the length of the globe and know what a polar region is and why it is called this. Children will also know that some animals are endangered and what this means.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at maps online and at atlases together. • Play with 'google earth' to get a 'feel' for our planet and what it looks like.
PE	<p>In PE, the area of focus will be 'Send & Return'. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons every week. The aim of these PE lessons will be to develop fundamental skills, such as: catching, throwing and jumping.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. It could be; a walk, a run or an outdoor game/activity.

RE	<p>In RE, will continue to look at what a Christian is and what they believe in. The class will explore a range of Christian objects and begin to understand their importance. Pupils will plan for a class visit to the local church and explore different features of this specific place of worship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss your own religion at home with your child. • Show your child pictures of when they have been to a Church.
Computer Science and IT	<p>In Computer Science, the children will be using Purple Mash to create a class pictogram. They will explore different ways of collecting data and begin to input this data into a pictogram.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Purple Mash at home. Can you create your own pictogram?
Personal, Social and Health Education	<p>In PSHE, Year One will be looking at relationships. Pupils will need to identify key features of a successful friendship and understand how friendships develop overtime. In addition to this – pupils must understand and acknowledge that friendships do have challenges – pupils will discuss appropriate ways to deal with these.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about friendships with your child. • Discuss different emotions, make your child aware that we all feel emotions and that it is good to talk about them.