



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 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 exploring how toys have changed over time. The children will visit Beamish Museum to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the changes to toys. They will experience what toys were like in the 1900's.</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, the children will learn how to draw and paint their own self-portrait. Significant artists, such as Pablo Picasso and Frida Kahlo, will inspire their work. They will develop a range of artistic skills, in order to create a phenomenal final piece of work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at some of Pablo Picasso's and Frida Kahlo's work with your child
Geography	<p>In Geography, children will learn that the world is divided into seven continents and five oceans. They will be using an atlas to identify where about in the world these continents and oceans are. They will also learn about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and the capital city of each.</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 Computing, the children will develop their understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. They then use these tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use electronic devices at home to practise digital painting.
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.