

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you back at school after the Christmas Holidays! We have lots of exciting things coming up next half term. Our topic next half term will be toys from the past and present. We are looking forward to exploring lots of old toys with the children and comparing these with the toys we have today.

English

This half term we will be reading the story Beegu. We will be writing descriptions of Beegu's feelings and then writing letters as Beegu to send back to her friends on Earth describing her favourite day on Earth.

Phonics

This half term we will be continuing to learn the different sounds using Bug Club Phonics. We will focus on Phase 5 sounds to make the "or", "ur", "ow", "oi", "ear" and "air" sounds. We will explore how these are read in a range of real and pseudo words and apply this to using these phonemes in writing.

Maths

In Maths we will be recapping counting, addition and subtraction from this term and transferring these skills into solving missing number problems and word problems. We will then look at measurement of length, height, mass and capacity.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be discussing identity, society and equality. We will also be discussing the roles we have in society and what makes us special.

**Remember!**

Please encourage your child to complete their homework and bring their homework books back every Tuesday. Please also remember your child needs to wear the correct PE kit every PE day!

RE

The children will be looking at how to develop and value self-esteem and empathy. We will also learn about how and why we care for others.

Science

This half term we will be looking at seasonal changes and everyday materials. We will explore the differences within the four seasons and the reasons for them. We will also look at the different properties and uses of different materials linking this to toys.

History

In History we will be learning about old toys. We will compare them to modern toys and look at how toys have changed over the years. You can help your child at home by talking about the toys you played with when you were a child.

Art & DT

In Art & DT we will be designing and making our own toys- this might include puppets and toy cars. We will be linking this to our Science work by choosing and using the most appropriate materials.

Computing

In computing we will be recognising common uses of technology beyond school, at home and places we visit, in objects such as toys and appliances.