



**Class newsletter**

**Year 2**

**Autumn Term 2- How do toys from the past compare to today?**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic break, and that the children have had a well-earned rest! We had a very productive but busy half term during the first half of the Autumn term. It has been so lovely to see the children settle into Year 2 so well and continue to get to know them. The second half of the Autumn term is set to be another busy one, as we prepare for our Nativity performance- singing voices at the ready! Year 2 will continue to have Miss Poat in class teaching, as she comes to the end of her trainee teacher placement.

This term, our overarching topic will be looking at Toys from the Past. This is an interesting and exciting topic, with lots of opportunities for children to engage in enrichment opportunities. We will be exploring a range of toys, discussing our favourite toys and then comparing these to toys from the past. As part of this topic, we invite children to engage with some home learning that they will have the chance to share in class.

**Task 1- Interview family members (parents/grandparents/aunties/uncles) about their favourite childhood toys. Children can then share their findings how they wish. This could be through a drawing, a piece of writing describing the toy or any other way they wish to present it!**

**Task 2- Design a toy. This can be inspired by a toy from the past, or from your child's own unique idea! Emails/further communication will be shared towards the end of term to let you know the date when these creations can be brought into school to create our very own class toy museum! (This will be some time during the final two weeks of the term)**

In Science, we will be looking at What do Humans and Animals Need? Children will learn about the changes humans and animals experience as they grow, recognise the importance of exercise and diet, and understand exactly what humans need to survive.

In Maths, we will continue to work on addition and subtraction. We will be looking at how to add three single digit numbers, add and subtract across a ten, using our knowledge of number bonds to help us. Towards the end of this unit, children should be able to confidently add and subtract 2 two-digit numbers.

Please note that our PE days will continue to be **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on these days, with long hair tied back and earrings removed. Please ensure that kit consists of black shorts/jogging bottoms, a red t-shirt and a plain black/red hoodie.

Please bring a named water bottle to school each day. If possible, it is helpful if belongings are clearly named, just to avoid things getting lost.

Many thanks,

Miss Milner