

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break over Christmas. This is a short but very busy term with lots of exciting things happening. Be sure to take a look at our weekly newsletters and Dojo to keep up with events.



English

This half term our focus stories this half term are Beegu by Alexis Deacon and Toys in space by Mini Grey.



We ask that you only read these at home after this half term so as not to spoil any potential surprises.

Our lessons will focus on the basics of sentence structure ensuring the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

We will continue to teach the children their cursive letter formation, videos for which can be accessed via dojo.

Next half term our focus texts will be The dragon machine by Helen Ward and Mrs. Noah's pockets by Jackie Morris.

Maths

For the first half of the term we will be looking at numbers to 20 focusing on numbers in digits and words. We will explore teen numbers and begin to look at place value knowing what each digit in a number represents. The children will become confident counting both forwards and backwards to twenty. This will lead on to addition and subtraction with numbers to 20. Seeing how number bonds to 10 help us to find number bonds to 20. In this half term we will also be looking at double and near doubles of numbers to 20.

Second half term we will move on to looking at numbers to 50. Counting forwards and backwards and identifying missing numbers is a focus in this half of the term. The children will further develop their understanding of a 2-digit number as they begin to recognise the numbers by partitioning them into tens and ones.

This half term our history work will be focused on Toys. We will be looking at the children's favourite toys. We will also be looking at toys from the past and how toys have changed over the years. This will lead us to look at the different materials that toys are made from and will lead on to our Science work on materials, and investigating which materials are best for different purposes. This will also form the basis for our lessons in design and technology. We can't wait to visit The Brampton and explore a wide variety of toys from the past and the present. Please see our dojo post regarding these arrangements. In RE we will be focusing on Judaism and what this means to others. In computing we will be finding out about algorithms. In PSHE we will continue to explore feelings. In geography we will be building on our knowledge of the world and be exploring the equator and the poles. In art we are developing our printing skills and creating our own printing blocks. Our listening skills will be put to the test in Music with lots of focus on sound, we will be singing and playing instruments.



P.E Kits

Our P.E days this term are Monday and Wednesday. Children are still able to come into school dressed in their Willows P.E. kits on these days. Jogger's and hoodies will be required as the children will still be outdoors for break times. In PE we are developing our skills through our hit, catch and run lessons.

Uniform

Unfortunately, a few items of uniform have gone missing last half term. Please can you make sure all uniform and P.E clothing is named as this prevents children taking home uniform which is not their own (including footwear). Many thanks.

How can you help?

- * Supporting your child with their Maths homework.
- * Supporting your child with daily reading. Please ensure diaries are signed and dated after reading. Our expectation for children in Year 1 is to be reading 5 times a week – little and often.
- * Please make sure all uniform is all clearly labelled.



Snacks and Drinks

Polite reminder: only one small healthy snack for playtime please. Fruit, squeezable yoghurt, raisins, vegetable sticks are all ideal. No crisps, pastries, sweets or chocolate. We also ask no nuts due to allergies. Fruit is available should snacks be forgotten and water is always available for the children to refill their own bottles. Please can we ask that these are clearly labelled to avoid mix up's. Refillable water bottles, clearly named-no juice thank you.

