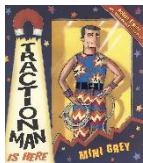


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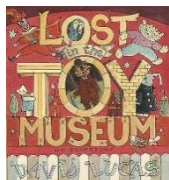


Our books for the half term are:



Traction
Man

Lost in the
Toy
Museum



This half term in English, we will be looking at writing sentences based on the books for the half term. All of our books are centred around the theme of Toys. Throughout our wider curriculum learning, we will be making links to superheroes through our book Traction Man. We will then move on to other books based on toys such as 'Lost in the Toy Museum'.

As part of our history learning we will be setting up a Toy Museum in school. We will set up the Toy Museum on Tuesday 1st December so please can the toys that you are happy to provide come to school (labelled) by Monday 30th November. Thank you.

Mathematics

This half term in maths, we are focusing on subtraction and learning to find parts of a whole, including how many remain by crossing out and using a number line. After that, we will move on to shapes, where we will recognise and name both 2D and 3D shapes, as well as begin sorting them.

Science

This half term, we will continue our work on 'Everyday Materials' by exploring and testing their different properties. We will then compare the seasons of autumn and winter, before focusing on what happens during the winter season.

Religious Education

Our RE unit will be looking at 'What does it mean to be part of a faith community?'. We will be thinking about what it means to 'belong'. We will explore how people feel included in a range of different faiths.

Reading:

Our expectation for reading is every evening. Please use the reading record to make comments on your child's reading at home every day and ensure this is brought to school every day. Reading tricky words and practising sounds to blend and segment will help your child make progress as quickly as they can.

Phonics

In phonics we will continue to recap our sounds and tricky words from reception and begin to developing our knowledge by learning short vowel sounds and alternative sounds.

History

Our topic this term is 'Terrific Toys' where we will be exploring how toys and their features have changed over time to develop our knowledge of chronology. We will develop oracy and analysis skills by looking closely at and discussing a range of historical sources of toys. We will also make our own 'old puppet' and host a toy museum!

Physical Education:

Our outdoor PE sessions will focus on ball skills using our hands and our feet. We will explore different ways to pass and move the ball using skills such as throwing, rolling and dribbling. Our indoor PE sessions will focus on dance with a zoo theme, developing and deepening our knowledge and skills from last term. Your child can continue to come to school in their PE kit.

- ☐ coloured t-shirt
- ☐ red shorts
- ☐ plimsolls
- ☐ navy tracksuit jumper
- ☐ navy tracksuit bottoms
- ☐ socks



Educational Visits/Experiences/Dates to remember:

- Wednesday 4th November – PTA Fireworks night
- Tuesday 10th November – Wattle Class – Parent Lunch
- Friday 13th November – Oak Class – Parent Lunch
- Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th November – Parents' evening
- Friday 4th December – Christmas Fair
- Wednesday 9th December- KS1 Christmas performance
- Thursday 17th December- Christmas Dinner day
- Friday 18th December- Christmas Fun Day and last day of term (own clothes)

Thank you in advance for all your support for what promises to be a very busy, but festive half term!

Snapshot - What happens when?

Homework/Spellings: Wednesday

Indoor & Outdoor PE: Tuesday

Forest School: Tuesday (Wattle) Monday (Oak) (Children come in to school in navy tracksuit and black trainers or school shoes please)

Timetable changes happen, so please ensure kit is in school all week.

If you have any questions about the work we are covering this term, or need to see us for any other reason, then please catch us on the playground after school. Thank you.

Mrs Grabowski, Mr Newell and Mrs Freeman ☺