



Year 1 Autumn 1

Hello and welcome to Year 1! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are ready for an exciting first half term. We have lots to look forward to as the children settle into their new class, learn new routines and begin their Year 1 journey. This half term, our history topic is **Toys**, where the children will explore how toys have changed within living memory and compare toys from the past with those we play with today.

Topic overview:

Science: Describing Materials

History: Changes within living memory. How have toys changed over time?

PSHE: Happy Relationships

DT: Construction -levers and sliders- Toys Through Time

RE: Thanking - Christianity

Computing: Online safety - Health, wellbeing and lifestyle

Computing systems and networks - Technology around us

PE: Run, Jump, Throw and Gymnastics

Music: Toys - Dynamics and Tempo

What is this topic about?

This half term, our learning will have a history focus as we explore Toys Through Time. The children will investigate how toys have changed within living memory, comparing toys from the past with the toys they know and enjoy today. In science, we will be exploring everyday materials, learning to name, describe and compare materials and their properties.

Our learning about toys will continue across the curriculum, including through our writing. In DT, the children will develop their construction skills through designing and making their own mechanisms inspired by toys from the past and present. In music, our Toys unit will introduce the children to dynamics and tempo, helping them explore how music can be changed and used to represent different toys and movements.

Key messages:

Children will take part in both indoor and outdoor PE this half term. Please bring a complete PE kit into school each Monday, where it can stay for the week. Kits may be taken home each Friday for washing. **Our P.E days are Monday and Friday.**

We will be visiting the library every **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has their library book in their bag on a Friday to be able to change it for a new one.

Homework for this term:

Please support your child's learning at home by completing the following each week:

Please read 3x a week with your child and record it in their yellow reading record book.

Your child will be given a phonics and library book to read with you each week. You can also log your own books from home in the reading record.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning at home.

Key dates:

Wednesday 9th September - Teddy Bear Day

Thursday 10th September - Meet the Teacher 8:45am in Ash Class

Tuesday 22nd September - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 24th September - Individual school photos

Wednesday 30th September - School Nurse Appointments

Thursday 8th October - Yr 1 & 2 Reading Workshop 8:45am - 9:30am

Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th October - Book Fair

Friday 16th October - Trip to Rural Life Centre

Tuesday 20th October - Harvest Festival

Friday 23rd October: INSET Day

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October: Half Term

Monday 2nd November - INSET Day



Online safety:

A new school year is a great time to review your family's screen-time and online routines. Simple habits, such as keeping devices out of bedrooms at night, agreeing when and where technology can be used, and regularly talking about what children are doing online, can make a big difference.

Remember, many games, apps and social media platforms have age restrictions that are there to help protect children. We encourage parents and carers to check age ratings and parental controls before allowing children to access new games or apps.

For helpful, practical advice, visit **Internet Matters**, which has guides to popular games and apps as well as step-by-step instructions for setting up parental controls.



Key Vocabulary:

 material	 present	 kindness	 Christian	 device	 landing
 property	 living memory	 design	 thankful	 online	 dynamics
 waterproof	 feelings	 construct	 prayer	 balance	 tempo
 past	 relationships	 join	 technology	 coordination	 volume



Children's toys and items from home:

Please support the school by ensuring that children are not bringing in any items from home such as toys, pencil cases and elaborate key chains etc. Toys can easily become lost or damaged and often cause disagreements between children. The school will not take responsibility for personal items. Thank you for your support in helping us keep a calm and happy learning environment.



Marlborough Smart uniform reminders:

We know the impact that pride in our uniform has on the pupils' learning attitude. We ask for your support in ensuring that children are Marlborough Smart by ensuring they are in the correct uniform each day.

Please see below some key reminders:

- Children are only permitted to wear one pair of earrings which must be studs. These must be removed or covered with tape provided on PE days.
- Children should be wearing black or grey school trousers/ skirt/ dress daily. **Leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted.**
- Children should wear a white polo shirt which is different from their PE top.
- Nail polish and temporary tattoos must be removed before coming to school.
- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied up.
- A blue cardigan or jumper should be worn in school. Hoodies are not part of the uniform policy.
- Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.
- For PE, your child should have a white plain t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and suitable trainers. Joggers are permitted for outdoor PE.

