

# Year 1 Class 1 - NEWSLETTER - Autumn 2 2023

We will be looking at toys from the past and exploring their use and the materials chosen to make them. Perhaps you could look at some of the toys you have in your home.

*Article 31: We have the right to relax and play.*

We will enjoy stories, poems and rhymes about toys, magical toys and toy makers, and even have a go at writing our own! This is something you could explore at home by making up your own fun rhymes and stories to share with friends and family.

We will be discussing our own favourite toys, why they are our favourite toys and how they are used and what they are made from. We will be looking at toys that people in our families may have played with when they were younger and how those toys have changed over time or stayed the same. This is something you and your children can discuss at home.

Our topic this half term is  
**Childhood  
from the past**  
Here are some ways we are  
exploring this topic:

We will design and make our own puppet for a puppet show. We will explore various methods of joining materials together and selecting the most appropriate method. Once completed we will evaluate our design and discuss what we may change and keep the same.

We will test and sort materials and explore, evaluate and give reasons why certain materials are suitable for making toys. You could begin by looking at everyday objects around your home and talking about what they are made from and why.

We will make direct comparison to toys of the past to toys of present day and discuss how they have changed over time. We will develop a timeline of when new toys were invented and plot them as we work through the topic and make new discoveries.

Do not forget to read **4 times** per week with your child at home.

Regular reading ensures good progress.

Thank you.

**MESSAGES**

**Forest School** is on **MONDAY** and **PE** is on **WEDNESDAY**.

Return homework & reading books on a **FRIDAY**.

Library books on a **TUESDAY**. Thank You.