



Eastfield Foundation Stage News!

September 2019

We'd like to welcome all of our children and parents and carers to the new school year. We hope you've had a lovely summer.

Our topic for the Autumn Term is 'Toy Story.'



Over the coming weeks the children will...

- Get to know the different Toy Story characters and the vocabulary and knowledge linked to them:
 - Woody, Jessie & Bullseye: Wild West
 - Rex & Trixie: Dinosaurs
 - Buzz Lightyear: Space
 - Little Bo Peep: Traditional stories & Nursery Rhymes
 - Read a range of stories linked to each character. We will also use non-fiction texts and the internet to research.
 - Make use of lots of mark making opportunities including labels, lists, rhyming strings, captions and sentence building.
 - Learn about space and the solar system
 - Compare toys from the past and present and from around the world.
 - Create pictures of toys in the Pop Art style of Andy Warhol.
 - In our role play area we will be opening a Toy Shop, this will give children the opportunity to learn about money, number recognition, quantities, and addition.
 - Practicing traditional Nursery Rhymes to enable us to sing simple songs from memory. We will be using our voices and instruments to explore how sounds can be changed. We will also be performing songs with Makaton actions.
 - Going on a journey in PE to develop their spatial awareness, their ability to travel in different ways and their knowledge of health and safety practices. They will pretend to be different story characters with music and apparatus introduced to add challenge to their movement!
 - In ICT we will be learning how to use an iPad to take photos. We will also use the "Draw & Tell" app to retell stories.
 - We will be learning about "Special People" and also different religious celebrations (including Harvest Festival, Diwali, Remembrance, Hanukah, Christmas)
 - Our PSHE unit this term is 'Being me in my world' and we will be teaching the children mindfulness.
- ...and much, much more!

Parent Collaboration Sessions

We will be holding Parent Collaboration sessions on Wednesday 16th October. We hope you will be able to come and be creative with your child/ren.

On the day, we'd love you to make a **toy or game**. For example you could make a puppet, a doll, a teddy bear, a dice game, a matching game...

We will provide some basic craft resources but please start collecting any useful materials that you'll need.

Session times will be 9.15am to 10.45am and 1.45pm to 3.15pm

Please see your child's teacher nearer to the time to be advised which session to attend.

Toy Story Themed Day

- On Wednesday 25th September your child will have the opportunity to come to school dressed as a Toy Story character.
- Throughout the day there will be a range of themed activities for them to enjoy.



How you can support your child's learning at home this term:

- Read fairy tales and traditional stories to your child to help them to become more familiar with them.
- Sing traditional Nursery Rhymes together.
- We have a selection of books in our brand new Foundation Stage Reading Shed which will be launching very soon. We will advise you when it will be opening and you will be welcome to browse and borrow books to read at home with your child!



Christmas Concerts

Nursery & Reception Christmas Concerts will be performed on Wednesday 11th December. There will be a morning and an afternoon performance.

More information about times and tickets will be available nearer the time.



Reception PE

Can Reception children please bring their PE kit into school on a Monday and leave it in school all week. We will send it home with them each Friday. Nursery children do not need a PE kit.

