

# Year 1 Newsletter - Term 1

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome! We hope you have had a great summer and are ready to start the new school year. This term our overarching theme will be '**A Box Full of Memories**'. In particular, we will be focusing on the story '**Lost in the Toy Museum**.' To start the term, we will be spending the day learning about our favourite toys and making sock puppets. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Key Dates for term 1

6th September - National read a book day  
11th September - Free style football event  
15th September - Stanton Park trip for Year 1 children  
26th September - European Day of Languages  
2nd October - Harvest Festival  
3rd October - Phonics open morning  
9th October - TD Day

## Active Learning

As an active learning school, children need to come with suitable footwear that can be comfortable and safe to wear for PE lessons and outdoor activities. This term, the children will be building their stamina and improving their well-being by participating in the 'Golden Mile'.

## Reminders

Children are not required to bring big bags to school, but do need their book bags with reading packs in school every day. If possible, please remove any large dangling accessories from book bags.

Please remember to bring a named water bottle. Please do not put this in the book bags.

Please be prompt at dropping your children off and picking them up by using the correct entrance gate.

As we are still getting to know you, please allow us space at the end of the day by waiting behind the cones so we can safely return your children to you.

## Homework

Please read with your child at least 4 times a week and record it in their reading logs. This includes both their phonetically decodable book and their 50- reads book. Reading books will start to come out next week for your child, once they have read 3 times in school.

Please keep practising counting objects, recognising and writing numbers in the environment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year One Team

# A Box Full of Memories

## Computing

Children will be taught to:

- Recognise different forms of technology in and around the classroom.
- Recognise and name the parts of a computer.
- Learn how to keep safe when using the internet

## Music

Children will be taught to:

- Create and respond to vocal and body percussion sounds.
- Maintain a steady beat and control/ change tempo
- Explore descriptive sounds and sequence sounds.

## Science

Children will be taught to:

- Distinguish between a material & objects.
- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, metal, rocks, water.
- Describe the simple physical properties of everyday materials - link to uses in world.
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

## PSHE

Children will be taught about: Celebrating Differences, including their responsibilities and rights as members of different types of communities and families. They will learn to understand that actions have consequences and to feel special and safe in school.

## English

Children will learn how to:

- Write words and captions for a purpose using phonics to support spelling and capital letters and full stops within their writing.
- Apply phonics to decode for reading and segment for spelling.
- Write a series of linked sentences to write a character description based on the book 'Lost in the Toy Museum

## PE

Children will be taught:

- The basic skills and movements of Muay Thai which is a form of Martial Arts
- Golden-mile

## Maths

Children will be taught to:

- Understand numbers and place value up to 20.
- Calculate one more/one less than numbers up to 20.
- Recognise standard and non-standard patterns up to 20 quickly.
- Know number facts up to 10.
- Know the properties of shape

## ART and DT

Children will be taught to:

- Use different mediums, like paint or graphite to create their own spiral art.
- Look at the work of famous artists and discuss what they notice and how it makes them feel.
- Experiment confidently with mark making, focusing on snail art.
- Reflect and discuss their own art and the work of others.

## History and Geography

Children will be taught:

- About toys from the past through to today.
- To distinguish between and say why toys are new or old.
- To discuss and compare the materials toys are made from.
- To sort toys into groups according their different properties, linking with our Science.