



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

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Curriculum News — Spring 2017 Topic: Toys

English

As part of our topic work the children will be writing for a range of purposes including:

- Information about different types of toys
- Comparisons of old and new toys
- Riddles
- Stories and descriptions based on Jane Hissey's Old Bear stories
- Poems about Spring

There will be a focus on spelling words that have been learnt correctly, using word banks and reading through sentences, initially with adult support, but then independently.

Each week the children will have a guided reading session with a teacher. In addition the children will have a daily phonics and spelling lesson.

Maths

The children will continue to develop their skills in the following areas:

- Counting, ordering and recognising numbers
- Calculating and securing number facts
- Recognising and finding simple fractions of shapes and quantities
- Understanding shape and patterns
- Handling data and measures
- Solving problems
- Mental skills focusing on applying number bonds, counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s, doubles and adding and subtracting numbers from 2-digit numbers. Y2 children will continue to work on learning the 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x table.

Science

Materials with a link to toys:

The children will learn that common objects are made from many types of materials with different properties. They will describe, compare and sort materials and discuss their suitability for particular uses. Also they will investigate how the shape of some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will also look at seasonal changes and weather for the time of year.

Suggestions to support learning at home

- Try to read with and to your child on a daily basis
- Keep practising the skills set-out in the weekly maths home-learning. This repetition helps the children to retain what they have learnt.
- In addition to the spelling lists, look at your child's red book and practise tricky words or sounds which they are finding difficult

Your help makes a huge difference to your child's confidence and progress!

Events: Visit to Milestones Wednesday 8th February

Foundation subjects

History: As part of our topic, the children will be learning about the toys their grandparents and great grandparents would have played with and comparing them with popular toys today.

Geography: The children will be finding out about toys from around the world.

Art: The children will make observational drawings of old toys. They will also explore how to use different media to create textured effects

DT: The children will be planning, making and evaluating a glove puppet.

RE: As part of a topic on Special Books, the children will learn about the Bible, some of the stories Jesus told and the importance of the Torah to the Jewish faith.

Music: Y1/2 will be learning about rhythm building and will continue the work on pitch and musical contrasts.

PSHE: We will be exploring a topic called 'Getting on and falling out' which will explore strategies to solve friendship problems.

PE: The focus in gym will be supporting body weight using different body parts at different levels – high, medium and low. The children will be working on skipping and continuing to develop throwing, catching and dribbling skills in games lessons.

ICT: The children will use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

Messages

Please make sure you return reading books to school as otherwise it limits the choices for the other children.

Please label all clothes, shoes, trainers, water bottles and book bags. We try to take the children outside in all weathers so please make sure they are appropriately dressed for wet and cold conditions.