



St Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Year 1 January 2019 – Toy Stories

Happy New Year! We hope all of you had a very merry Christmas and a great start to 2019. Thank you again for all of your kind Christmas gifts.

History

This term we will be learning about toys in the past. I will be sending home a letter to ask if any parents or grandparents would be willing to let the class ask them questions about the kind of toys they used to play with. It would be fantastic to see some older toys if any have survived. We will also be having a toys and games day on Tuesday 12th February when the children are welcome to bring in their favourite toys to play with.

Phonics and Reading

Thank you so much to everyone who is reading regularly at home. Please continue this as it makes a huge impact upon your child's confidence and ability at school. This term we will be focusing on answering simple questions about what we have read. The Oxford Reading Tree books all have great suggestions for questions and activities you can complete with your child during and after reading. Please have a look.

Grammar and Punctuation

This term we will be learning about plurals and adding -ed.

Writing

In writing we will be reading *Lost in the Toy Museum* by David Lucas and *Toys in Space* by Mini Grey. We will be exploring the features in both books and using the same features to create our own stories.

Maths

In maths we are continuing our learning into addition, subtraction and place value. Please practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as learning the number bonds (pair of numbers) that add up to 10. We are also practising counting to 100 every day. We use a get fit and count to 100 song by Jack Hartmann on you tube to help us. Feel free to practise at home!

Science and DT

This term we will be learning to identify everyday materials and some of their properties. We will be having a boat building investigation to see what materials will make a boat that floats. In DT we will be designing and making our own toy cars.

PE

This term Year 1 will be having dance on a **Wednesday** afternoon with Mrs Partridge. On **Fridays** we will be learning pop lacrosse skills outside so please have a warm PE kit ready.

Homework

Your child will bring home two reading books that will be changed on a Monday morning. We will also continue with our pencil case words that will be tested on Tuesday afternoons. I will also send home spelling words and maths activities on Fridays.

If anyone can support our class reading with children please get in touch!

A big thank you to all of the kind parents who have been helping our class to read regularly.

Thank you for all your support
Mr Bailey