

# Year 1 Newsletter

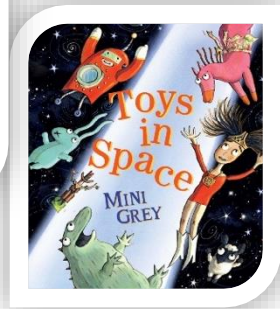
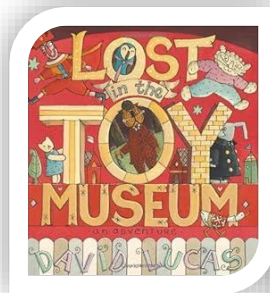
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## Welcome back

We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays and spent time relaxing with family and friends. We are excited about being back in school and looking forward to our first half term.

### Learning

Our first topic is based on Toys. We will be looking at different toys throughout history, exploring what we mean by "old" and "new" and see how toys have changed over time. In Science, we will be looking at everyday materials and their properties. We will also test materials to see if they float or sink. We will also be looking at materials in D.T. and thinking about how we can upcycle materials that cannot be recycled. In R.E. we will be looking at belonging to different groups, including religious groups.



## English

We are looking forward to exploring a range of stories linked to Toys to help us write a narrative and use adjectives to write descriptions. Our first text will be "Lost in the Toy Museum" by David Lucas. The children will continue with their phonics learning following our Little Wandle scheme which will include a recap of the phase 2-4 sounds during this half term. This will also include reading practice sessions in which the children will read with adults three times a week to build fluency, develop prosody and answer comprehension questions.

## Maths

In Maths we will begin by grouping up to 10 objects in different ways. We will then work on place value within 10. After this we will begin looking at adding and subtracting numbers up to 10 in different ways and work at greater depth to explain our thinking and prove our theories. We will also work on our number bonds to 10.

## Home Learning

We believe reading at home is an important way of supporting your child with their learning at school. We recommend that children read to an adult every evening for about ten minutes. Please also ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day, so they can take a range of books and so teachers are able to comment and provide suggestions to help you, too. Spellings will be sent home each week to support the teaching of the Little Wandle phonics programme. Please encourage your child to read the word, cover and write the word, then check for accuracy.

## Uniform and P.E. kit

Children will be doing P.E. as part of their school learning. We would prefer they bring their kit to school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. For P.E. children should wear black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, black or blue or white t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.

The children have settled in to their first week and we thank you for supporting us during this transition into Year 1.

Many thanks,

**Kate Williams, Tunde Gindele, Hannah Joyce**