Thomas Bullock C of E Primary & Nursery Academy
Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Oceania Class
Year One

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a refreshing half term break and managed to enjoy some of the sunny autumnal weather! Mr. Johnson and the Year One team are looking forward to another busy half term learning all about our new theme called… 'Tremendous Toys' in our build up to Christmas!

Here are some of the things we will be learning about throughout this second half of the autumn term…

Tremendous Toys

We will be starting this theme by finding out what we already know about toys – quite a lot we imagine! We will then be finding out about toys from the past and asking questions that we would like to find out. If you have any family members, particularly grandparents / great grandparents, who would like to share photos or stories about the toys they played with when they were little – we would love to hear from them!

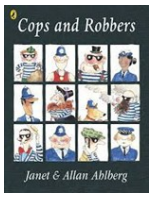
English

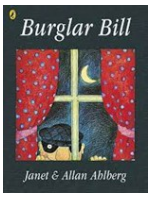
Phonics: We will be learning sounds (from RWI: Read, Write, Inc), being 'digraph detectives' (looking for the 'special friends' in words) & 'sound talking' just like Fred the Frog.

The children will continue to receive weekly spellings and will be quizzed on these every Friday – keep practicing!

Reading: We will all be putting our phonic knowledge to good use to 'sound out / Fred Talk' the letters in words and 'blend' them back together to help us read. Please remember, your child will be coming home with a book they will be familiar with – this builds confidence, fluency and expression as they can then read it to you with a story teller's voice!

Writing: We will be working on our sentence structure and focusing on punctuation when writing stories of our own, poetry, and a thank you letter to a certain someone in December! We will continue to have daily handwriting sessions to improve our letter formation.





Key Texts: This half term, we will be reading the books, 'Cops and Robbers' & 'Burglar Bill' by Janet & Allan Ahlberg and 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. We will also be using non-fiction books linked to our 'toys' theme. Of course, we will still be sharing a huge range of picture books and fun stories at 'story time' to build up a love of reading.

Maths

The children will practice their number fluency through our Flashback 4 questions at the start of lessons and a 'Mastering Number' session after lunch. This half term we are continuing to learn about addition and subtraction, exploring 2D & 3D shapes and beginning to find out about place value within 20. This will include:

- Finding parts & finding the difference
- Recognising, naming and sorting shapes
- Counting forwards and backwards (within 20)
- Finding 'one more' and 'one less' than a number to 20

Please remember to regularly log in to Doodle Maths and English and have a play on the available games. This will really help consolidate learning and is a great opportunity for your little people to show you what they know!

Science

As scientists this half term, as the weather takes a turn, we will be looking at the seasons of autumn and winter. We will find out what happens to some plants and animals as it gets colder outside and spot lots of seasonal changes.

History

As historians we will be looking toys from the past and looking at putting them in chronological order– some are harder to place than you might think so we will also be looking at / for other historical clues in the photographs.

Religious Education

We will be answering the question: 'How does a celebration bring a community together?' To do this, we will look at the Christian celebration of Christmas and the Muslim celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Music

Music lessons will continue to be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub – they sound such fun!

Physical Education

PE will continue to be held on Mondays & Fridays. We ask that children arrive in their **warm** PE kits.

As much of our learning takes place outdoors, we politely request that a pair of wellies are kept in school. Please continue to bring a water bottle (with fresh **water** – we've had a few sticky juice spillages lately), a lunch box if required, a warm, waterproof coat and your child's bookbag (preferable to a rucksack) containing their reading book & record every day.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you :)