



Hello, we cannot believe that it is our final term with your children. They have made so much progress and we are so proud of each and every one of them. We are always trying to keep our blog page up to date, so make sure you keep checking to see the wonderful things your children have done. We will also be posting any helpful tips, work sheets and other information on Seesaw so please make sure you check this on a regular basis.

### English

This half term we will be learning all about toys. The story we will be focusing on is 'Stanley's stick'. This is a story all about imagination, where the stick turns into any toy he likes. We will be focusing on using correct punctuation and adjectives to make writing more interesting.

For the final half term our focused text will be "Billy's Bucket". Please look out for the story sequencing your child will have created in class and encourage them to tell you the story using it. We will be continuing our work on using adjectives. In preparation for the children moving up to year 2, we will be learning about different punctuation marks such as questions marks and exclamation marks.



### Maths

This term we are starting with numbers up to 100. Counting, recognising and ordering numbers. We will also be comparing numbers to 100 and find one more and one less than any given number to 100. We will also be revisiting addition and subtraction.

Please continue to help your children at home with quick recall of number bonds to 10 (and if possible extending to 20), counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and ensuring numbers are written correctly.

In preparation for this term's maths work, any counting practice, writing numbers and recognising numbers will be of great benefit to your child.

### Topic – Toys

This half term our topic work will be focused on Toys. We will be looking at the children's favourite toys. We will also be looking at toys from the past and how toys have changed over the years. This will lead us to look at the different materials that toys are made from and will lead on to our Science work on materials, and investigating which materials are best for different purposes. As part of this topic we will be having special visitors come to deliver a 'Toy Workshop' where they will have the opportunity to handle a variety of old toys and also make their own toy, a letter has been sent home about this and payment is due by 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Please contact your class teacher if you need any further information.

After May half term, our topic will be 'Buckets and Spades' and we will be learning about the Victorian seaside, and how seaside holidays have changed.

### Reading Champions -

Each week the children in Key Stage 1 have a little treat if they are a reading champion. If you read 5 times a week, little but often, this makes a huge amount of difference to your child's progress. **Please remember to sign your child's diary.**

## Homework

This term we will be changing how we set homework. All homework will be set on Seesaw each week. This will either be an English or a maths task, it will alternate each week. We may also post some helpful videos, resources and extra activities we feel will benefit your child. Homework will be uploaded onto Seesaw on Wednesday and handed in on the following Monday. You will need to upload your child's work ready for it to be marked by the class teacher. We would like to stress the importance of children still completed homework tasks using pencil and paper. Some tasks may require your child to write their answers on paper, in this case please upload a picture or scan your child's work. If you need the login for Seesaw, please contact your class teacher as soon as possible.

## PE

Fridays will continue to be our PE day. As the children will continue to come into school in their PE kits, please ensure it is suitable for any weather.

Thank you for your continue support.

Kind regards,

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## Dates for the diary

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Payment due for Toys Workshop

4<sup>th</sup> May – Toys workshop in school

**For more dates, please see the weekly newsletter.**

## Reminders – Snacks at break time

Can we just remind you that children should only bring healthy snacks for break time, this can include fruit or a cereal bar. No chocolate, crisps or cake please.