



Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 1 – Autumn Term 2017

Our learning unit

Ourselves and Toys



Literacy

In Literacy and in our daily guided reading sessions, we will look at a range of different texts, including:

- fiction books such as Scaredy Squirrel and Toys in Space
- non-fiction texts linked to our topic
- instructions
- postcards and letters

The main learning focusses will be on planning and checking with an emphasis on correct use of tense and extended sentences. We will continue to develop correct pencil grip as well as handwriting and presentation skills

Your child will also take part in reading, sentence and spelling activities during Guided Reading sessions throughout the week.

Phonics and learning spelling rules

Children are grouped according to their current level for their daily phonics session. We will also be learning spellings using phonics and patterns.

Maths

- Counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number
- identifying one more and one less from any given number
- identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- reading and writing numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words
- reading, writing and interpreting mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs
- Sequencing events in chronological order using language such as: before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening
- Recognising and using language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years
- Recognising and naming common 2-D shapes including squares and circles

Science – Animals, including humans

The children will learn about the different parts of the human body and the human senses.

Other Information:

Library Books

Your child will have library time once a week where they will be able to change their book if they wish. Please let us know if they need to change their book at a different time.

Water Bottles

Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

Homework

Each week your child should be:

- reading and evidencing this in their reading diary,
- learning their spellings and number facts / number bonds.

Every half term children will receive a selection of activities for them to complete over that half term.

Reading / Spelling

These will continue to be checked in school once a week. It is important the children get the chance to practise at home as well as in school and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

- Share books daily with your child. Listen to them read and also read to them, talking about the things you have read.
- Why not try writing notes to each other or sending postcards to family and friends. Talk about the order of the sentences and the language used.
- Look at photos of when you were babies. How have you changed?
- What do we need to stay healthy and well?

Useful websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/barnabybear/>
www.phonicsplay.co.uk
<http://www.iboard.co.uk/>

Seasonal Science

We will be observing and collecting information on the Autumn season.

PE

Games: Ball Skills

Gymnastics: Travelling and balancing.

PE Days

PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please check your child has suitable footwear as well as warm outdoor clothing. Long hair should be tied up.

Geography – Our Local Area

We will be exploring the area around us and comparing areas. Children will investigate different features around our school and how they will change in the future.

History – Toys

We will be beginning our topic on Toys towards the end of this half term and it will begin with a trip the Gosport Search museum – Friday 6th October.

RE – Special Things

Children will have opportunity to find out about Harvest time and Sukkot, understanding how and why these festivals are celebrated. They will also learn about the features of a church.

Personal, Social and Moral Education

New Beginnings – Recognising and responding to different emotions. This term we are focussing on respect, which is one of our learning values.

Working Well together – Knowing how to be a good friend, be respectful of ourselves and each other and solve problems.

Art - Printing

Children will be exploring printing techniques using a range of materials and creating patterns.

Computing - Using technology to learn

We will be exploring the tools within different software at school to understand how it works.

Music - Ourselves

This term we will be exploring and using vocal sounds, chanting and singing rhymes and songs illustrating mood. We will also be linking music to our toys topic.