



## Curriculum Information for Parents

### Year 2 – 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 history topic
- instructions and diaries
- 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. This term they will also be learning about adverbs, homophones and using -ing and -ed endings depending on the tense being used.

#### Maths

- count in steps of 2, from 0, and in tens from any number, forward or backward
- recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)
- identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line
- compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs
- read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals
- recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently.
- add and subtract numbers (including money) using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally
- know multiplication and division facts for the 2, and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- solve problems involving multiplication and division, recognise, find, name and write fractions  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$
- find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money
- compare and sequence intervals of time
- identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes,
- identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes, for example a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid

#### 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.phonicsplay.co.uk)  
<http://www.iboard.co.uk/>

#### Science – Animals, including humans

The children will learn about the different parts of the human body and the human senses. They will also learn about the different categories of animals.

#### Seasonal Science

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

#### PE

Games: Ball Skills

Gymnastics : Making shapes high and low with varied apparatus.

#### PE Days

PE days are Tuesday and Friday. 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 within Hedge End through local walks.

#### History –Toys

We will be beginning the history topic on Toys towards the end of this half term and it will begin with a trip the Gosport Search museum – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Children will be exploring printing techniques.

#### Computing

We will be exploring the directional language used for making simple algorithms.