

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 1 Newsletter – Spring Term 2010**

Happy New Year! During the first half term our topic will be 'Toys'. We will be looking at the children's own toys, toys from the past and how to make simple moving toys. We will look at how toys have changed over the years, which toys seem to have been around forever and which are soon to be forgotten. If any Mums, Dads, Grandmas or Grandads still have any toys from their childhood, we would love to see them in school. After half term, our topics will be 'New Life' and 'Easter' – chick, chick, chicken.

#### **English**

We will be concentrating on sentence structure this term, encouraging the use of full stops and capital letters in the children's writing. Many of the books we use for shared class reading will be based on this term's topic and the children will be asked to look at home or at the library for books written by the same author.

#### **Mathematics**

We will be working with numbers up to and beyond 20, reading writing and ordering 2 digit numbers and understanding what each of those digits represents. The children will continue to learn addition and subtraction facts with totals to 10 and cover work on 3D shape, money, length, telling the time and simple graph work.

#### **Science**

Connected to our topic of 'Toys' we will be learning about forces and movement. We will also be cooking. After half term we will be looking for signs of new life in the world around us.

#### **ICT**

The children will continue to work with the laptops each week. They will be improving their word processing skills, using the Internet to find information related to the topics and playing games to improve literacy and numeracy skills.

#### **History and Geography**

We will be looking at the history of toys and toys from around the world.

## **RE**

We will be looking at the naming of babies/young children in different religions. As part of this work, we will be making visits to the Church to observe the interior, the font and to talk to the Vicar about Baptism.

## **PSHCE/SEAL**

The two main topics this term are 'Going for Goals' and 'Good to be Me'. We will also be looking at Citizenship, Democracy and vandalism.

## **Home Learning Activities**

We will continue to hear children read individually once a fortnight and will help them change their books on their changing day. We will continue with weekly Guided Reading.

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home; whether it be an adult reading to the child, a child reading to an adult or reading signs, menus, cards, rules for games etc while you are at home or out and about.

Library books will be changed on a Wednesday for 1BR and a Thursday for 1KC. Please return the library books each week and put them into children's trays first thing on a Monday morning.

If you have any concerns, please come and see us as soon as they arise. We will do our very best to help you and your child. We look forward to a busy and exciting term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Belcher, Miss C Regis and Miss K Cater