



Main Learning Themes for the Term:

TERRIFIC TOYS

1 Old and New Toys: We will be exploring toys throughout history on a timeline. Then we will be comparing old and new toys and games, discussing materials and colours. Our dance in PE will also be linked to our topic.

2. Moving Toys

The children will be invited to bring a toy that moves in from home to explore forces as an area of learning and will be designing and making their own pop up toy. As well as this, groups of children will be initiating their own science investigations with different balls as their inspiration..

Mathematical Links to Learning Themes

This term children will continue to follow the 'Maths No Problem' scheme focusing on adding and subtracting numbers, including solving word problems; as well as exploring shapes and patterns.

During our topic learning we will have the opportunity to experience using money in our Toy shop role play area. Children will use their mental maths skills to work out how to pay for item and give the correct change.

Key English Focuses

Based on the theme of toys a wealth of literature can be utilised in the form of stories, poems and non-fiction texts. The children will be involved in learning new stories, innovating them and writing their own versions. They will analyse characters and use questioning techniques to explore personalities and motives.

Key Computing Learning

- To use appropriate software to explore Toys today and in the past and toys around the world.
- Children will navigate screens and interact with activities which reinforce historical skills.
- To use technology to seek information.
- To use a Paint program to draw pictures with increasing detail and add text.
- To set a programmable toy (Beebot) to move through a sequence of step by step instructions. This will include programming and debugging algorithms.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Links

- During a Dreams and Goals theme children will explore how to approach challenges and be successful.
- Also Healthy Me is a theme in which children will consider how amazing their body is and how to keep it healthy and safe.
- We shall have the opportunity to further explore Christianity with the theme Jesus as a friend and shall ask, 'Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?' Also, we shall learn about Palm Sunday closer to Easter and explore why Easter matters to Christians.

Possible Home Learning Opportunities (with some adult support)

- Phonics Scrapbook
- Home reading
- Maths learning
- Bringing in Toys from home which are: their favourite, from the past and from around the world.
- Take Barnaby Bear for a weekend or a holiday and complete his diary to record the places you visited with him.
- Any other home learning related to Toys/topic.