



High Down Infant School

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Executive Headteacher
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Year 1 Term 2 Curriculum Letter 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 2. The children have settled really well into Year 1 and are working hard and becoming more independent and confident.

Topic

Our topic is '**Toys**' where we will be exploring toys from past and present and finding out about the history of teddy bears. Look out for the toy survey in your child's book bag soon (to be completed before Christmas please).

Magical Toy Museum - visit from Freshwater Theatre Company

On **Thursday 19th November** each Year 1 class will have the opportunity to take part in a drama session in the hall with the Freshwater Theatre Company. More details to follow.

School Uniform

Please ensure all items are **clearly labelled**, lost items usually return to their owners within a couple of days if named.

The rest of this letter gives an outline of the work that will be covered by your child this term in our **Toys Learning Expedition**.

In English we will be reading, writing and following instructions. **Please could you send in £2** to your class teacher to cover making flapjacks, sandwiches and fondant fruits.

We will also be learning about famous Bears such as Paddington, Rupert, Pudsey, Super Ted and Sooty.

In Maths the children will be covering:

- Addition and subtraction within 10
- Place value within 20
- Geometry: shape

In Science we will be learning about 'Animals' including grouping and classifying.

In Computing we will be using programs to support Maths and English. The children will be using information around them and they will use different art programs to develop their mouse skills and use of a computer.

In History we will be learning about toys in the past. **If you (or any grandparents) still have any of your**



old toys we would love you to email a photo of the toy to your child's class teacher so we can to share and talk about them with the children.

During Art and Design and Technology sessions we will be carrying out observational drawings of toys and teddies with a range of media. Also lots of Christmas crafts and activities will be taking place.

Each week we will have two P.E sessions. One of these sessions will be an outdoor cardio based session, building on core skills. The second session will be indoors either doing dance or gymnastics. Please make sure your child has Velcro trainers that fit comfortably, shorts, a t-shirt and a tracksuit so that we have suitable clothing for all weathers. **Please could all PE kit be clearly labelled with your child's name** to avoid muddled up PE kits!

In Personal, Social and Health Education we will be celebrating differences.

In RE we will be finding out about *Special Occasions and the Christmas story*.

Homework

Reading

The children will continue to have an individual reading book to read at home and in school. Thank you to the huge efforts from reading at home. It makes a **significant** difference to your child's progress and confidence. Please hear your child read at least three times a week. Your child will be rewarded with stamps/stickers. **We are extra grateful for your support with listening to your child read at the moment** as we are sadly unable to invite volunteers into our classrooms to listen to children read for now, so we are currently unable to provide our usual level of support.

Phonics

Your child will bring a **phonics workbook** home. Please complete the weekly activities with your child and return to school **every Friday**.

Maths

We will soon be sending home log in details for your child to access **Education City Maths** games to support learning in Maths.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Year 1 Team



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