



High Down Infant School

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Executive Headteacher
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Year 1 Term 2 Curriculum Letter 2023

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.

Learning Expedition - Toys

We will be exploring toys from the past and present and finding out about the history of teddy bears. Please look out for the toy survey in your child's book bag soon (to be completed before Christmas please).

Uniform

Please ensure all items are **clearly labelled (especially sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans)**, 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 and writing letters linked to Paddington Bear and following instructions. To support this we will be making flapjacks, marmalade sandwiches and fondant fruits. If your child has any food allergies please speak to your child's teacher. **Please could you send in £3 ASAP to cover the cost of ingredients.**

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. We will also be continuing to focus on aspects of Esafety.

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 bring them to school or email a photo of the toy to your child's class teacher so we can share and talk about them with the children.** We will also be learning about famous Bears such as Paddington, Rupert, Pudsey, Super Ted and Sooty.



During Art and Design and Technology sessions we will be carrying out observational drawings of toys and teddies with a range of media. In Design and Technology we will be exploring cutting and joining techniques to design a Christmas decoration. Also lots of Christmas crafts and activities will be taking place.

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

In RE we will be finding out about The Christmas story.

In PE we will be developing balancing skills.

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.

Phonics

Your child will bring a **phonics workbook** home. Please complete **ONE** activity each week with your child and return the workbook 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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