

Curriculum Newsletter for Families:

January 2026

Year 1

This half term our theme is:

Toys



Welcome Year 1 to the first half of the Spring Term and to our half-termly curriculum update newsletter! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

What are we learning during this theme?

This half term we will be investigating how toys have changed over time. We will also be investigating materials and their properties within our Science sessions and programming toys in computing. In Design and Technology we will be exploring levers and pulleys and designing and making our own for a given purpose.

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

This half term we are planning a local trip to Hullbridge library to learn more about our theme of 'Toys'. We will also be inviting grandparents / parents to share their old toys and games from their childhood. If this might be something you are able to help with, please let us know.

How can you support your child at home?

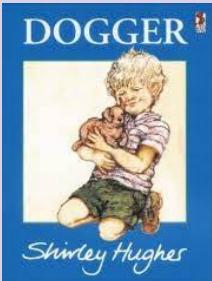
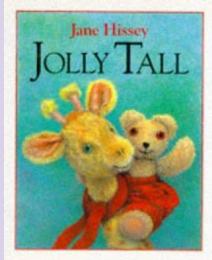
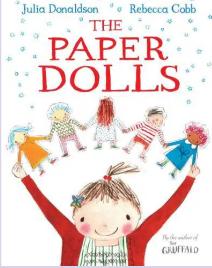
Please complete your CGP phonics and maths homework books.

Share your child's reading book at home - we encourage 5 reads per week to earn team points in school.

Learn your weekly spellings for a 'spelling quiz' every Monday.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below on how to support your child's learning.

Please help your child to learn their 'helpful' words at the back of their reading log books. They should aim to learn these by sight, rather than using their phonics. If they know all of these, feel free to progress by learning to write them.

<u>Days out and things to do:</u>	<u>Books to read:</u>	<u>Things to watch:</u>
Visit our local library and borrow some books about Toys. 	Share one of the following books:   	<u>Alphablocks</u>  https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/search?q=number+blocks 
Revise previously learned phonics using phonics play: Phonics Play 		Topsy and Tim - Old Toys BBC iPlayer - Topsy and Tim - Series 1: 20. Old Toys
Visit the House on the Hill Toy Museum: https://stanstedtoymuseum.com/		Sarah and Duck - Old Toys BBC iPlayer - Sarah & Duck - Series 3: 20. Old Toys
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