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#### **Key Stage 1 Newsletter**

We hope that you all enjoyed a fun filled Christmas break and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. We hope the children are ready for a busy term of fun and learning! Our topic for Term 3 is 'Toy Story.'

#### **English**

This term we will be learning how to write a poem and how to write an information text. We will be using the poem: 'In my Magic Box' by Kit Wright to help us to write our poems. Later in the term we will use the text: 'Ways into History, Toys and Games' by Sally Hewitt to help us to write an information text.

#### How You Can Help

Please read with your child every day and talk to them about what they are reading. Ask them questions about the story, characters and plot. Can they predict what will happen next? Look at information texts with your child and look at the glossary and contents page to find out where you could locate more information.

Our focus this term is on punctuation and how we can use it in our writing.

Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly when they are writing at home. Further information about this will be sent home soon, but if you are unsure about this please come and ask us

#### Maths

In Maths this term Sea Turtles will be developing their understanding of money. Later in the term they will be developing their knowledge of multiplication and division. Clownfish will begin the term by developing their understanding of place value. Later in the term they will expand their knowledge of addition and subtraction.

#### How You Can Help

Practise counting up to and back from 100, counting on in ones or tens.

If you are confident with this, try counting up in 2's, 3's and 5's.

You could also practise counting backwards as well.

Year 2 Sea Turtles please can you practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Please practise telling the time in five minute intervals.

It would also be helpful to help your child practise the days of the week and months of the year in order, as well as being able to work out what the next day or day before is (e.g. What is the day after Thursday? What is the month called before June?



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#### Science:

In Science this term we will be working scientifically to investigate what materials toys made from.

## **Topic:**

In History this term we are going to be learning about the toys children played with in the past.

## **Homework:**

Please can you listen to your child read daily. Your child has been given a Collins reading book to read, which links with their phonics learning, as well as a Reading Passport and Library book to read for pleasure. Please ensure that you record your child's reading in their yellow reading record daily. Homework and spellings are set every Friday. Please complete one section in your CGP comprehension and one section in your White Rose maths books every week. In addition to this, there are optional home learning tasks available on our Class Dojo pages and a paper copy has also been sent home. Please support your child to complete their homework.

#### **Reading Passports**

Please can you support your child in reading as many books as possible from their Reading Passport this year. The class teacher has set up some incentives in class for children to read for pleasure, but any support at home is gratefully appreciated.



### **Water Bottles and Snacks**

A hydrated brain is essential to learning! Please ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle. All key-stage one children are offered a healthy snack each day. They can also bring in



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their own <u>healthy snack</u> to eat at snack time. It is really helpful if water bottles and fruit-tubs are named so they can be returned if they get lost.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. The easiest way to do so is by leaving a message on ClassDojo or with the school office. We will reply as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Brewster and Mrs Haddock Sea Turtles' and Clownfish Teachers





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