Year 1 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Class teacher: Miss Hillon **STA**: Mrs Gibson **TA**: Miss Beattie

Reading
Whole class focus books –
Dogger by Shirley Hughes.
Too many toys by Heidi Deedman.
The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.

Reading for pleasure class book- Georges Marvellous medicine by Roald Dahl.

Little Wandle Reading Books:
The children read the same book three times in a week. The first time we work on decoding (sounding out) the words, the second time we work on prosody which is reading with expression – making the book sound more interesting with our storyteller voice. The third time we look at comprehension. We read the books three times at school because we want to develop the fluency. The more that children see words, the more they begin to read them automatically without having to sound them out.
Please read as much as you can at home with them too.

Every Friday the children also bring a library book home to enjoy being read to them by an adult. These can be kept at home until the following Thursday so that we can swap them for a new one.

Writing
This half term our writing will be closely linked to our history topic 'Toys past and present'.
The children will be writing:

- Story retells
- Character descriptions
- Setting descriptions
- Alternative endings
- Instructions
- Posters
- Story writing
- Poetry

We will also be working hard to improve our use of capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks, connectives and suffixes

The children will also continue to have daily phonics sessions which includes writing focus words and sentences.

Maths
This half term we will be building on prior maths knowledge learnt last term and applying those skills.
We will also be focusing on:
Addition and subtraction:

- Counting on from a given number
- Number bonds to 20
- Using knowledge of number bonds to 10 to add numbers within 20
- Subtraction within 20
- Subtraction not crossing 10
- Subtraction crossing 10.

Place value within 50:

- Counting forwards and backwards to 50
- Place value to 50
- Partitioning numbers to 50 into 10s and 1s
- One more and one less that a given number to 50.
- Using a range of resources to represent numbers to 50.

The children will also be learning how to apply the skills they have learnt to problem solving and applying problems.

PE
This half term the children will be taking part in Athletics with Mr Marshall and Dance with Miss Hillon.

PE is every Monday and Wednesday.

Children will need PE kits both days which consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Grey sweatshirt
- Black joggers
- Trainers

Science
This half term the children will be learning about Materials in science. We will be exploring a range of different materials:

- Metal
- Glass
- Wood
- Plastic
- Water
- Paper

The children will discover what items are made out of these materials and their properties. They will also compare the materials focusing on similarities and differences.

History
This half term we will be focusing on the topic 'How have toys changed?'.

The children will explore their favourite toys and why they like them. We will then compare these to our parents and grandparents favourite toys when they were six and discuss the similarities and differences. We will investigate different toys from the past and look closely at the characteristics of them. We will also be putting a range of different toys into chronological order and creating our own toy museum in class from the knowledge we have learnt.

As part of this topic we will be visiting The Beacon Museum in Whitehaven to take part in a workshop about toys and games in the past and present.

ICT/Computing
This half term we will be following the topic 'Skills Showcase: Rocket to the moon'.

The children will:

- Use a computer to make a list.
- Explain the benefits of making a list on the computer.
- Use a basic range of tools on art software to design a rocket.
- Sequence instructions.
- Follow instructions to build their model rocket.
- Evaluate and edit their rocket design.

Art
This half term the topic is called – Exploring Watercolour

The children will learn that watercolour paint has special characteristics and that we can use the elements of surprise and accident to help us create art. We will also develop our painting by reflecting upon what we see, and adding new lines and shapes to help develop imagery.

Music
This half term we will be following a scheme of work called Kapow and our focus is Sound Patterns and our theme this term will be 'Fairy tales'. The children will explore clapping along to repeated words and phrases, creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairy tale.

Homework
Please try and read at home most nights with your child to build upon their fluency and understanding.

If you would like to follow up on our learning at home, you could:

- Practice fastening laces and zipping up coats.
- Look at a range of different materials so children are aware of what we will be looking at.
- Chat to your children about the sorts of toys that you played with when you were a child and talk about how they have changed over the years.