

APPLE TREE CLASS NEWSLETTER

Spring 1

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Happy New Year to you all and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Our topic for this half term is 'TOYS'. We will be looking at old and new toys, thinking about timelines and setting up our own Class Museum. If you have any old toys that you would like to share or tell us about, please let us know. We will also be learning about how different toys work and move, looking at push and pull forces. We will be learning about algorithms in technology, learning to programme a 'beebot' toy. In Forest School we will be thinking about dinosaur fossils and making some of our own.

Home learning ideas

1. Have a look at toys at home. Can you find a toy that can move, make a sound, lights up? Talk together about the different ways the toy works.
2. Draw a picture of your favourite toys and write a sentence about it.
3. Talk about old toys together. How are they different?
4. Play a board game together, taking turns and following the rules.
5. Design a new toy or robot. Can you draw your new toy/robot or even make a model.

Please bring in any home learning to share. I'm sure they will be keen to talk about their learning at home with their friends.

Read, write inc.

Some children have moved onto the red ditty books for reading. There are 10 of these in total and each book has 3 'ditties' within it. A ditty a day is more than enough, sometimes you may even want to focus on the speed sounds or green words at home. Some children will have a laminated 'ditty' sheet to read. This will be the story they have been working on in their RWI lesson. In our RWI taught sessions we will continue to review the set 1 sounds, continuing our focus on the correct letter formation and good handwriting. You can help at home with this by practicing as much as possible.

Dates for this half term:

Wk beg: 10th January – yoga starts again every Monday 7th -13th February – Children's Mental Health Week. The focus this year is 'Growing Together'. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Friday 18th February – School closed for Staff INSET

21st – 25th school closed for Half term.