

# CLASS 1 NEWSLETTER - Autumn 2 2025-2026

Talk about/show pictures of your favourite toy when you were a child.  
Talk about how toys have changed over time from grandparents/parents to children's' toys now.  
Play with your child and their favourite toys.

In R.E, we will be learning about why gifts are given at Christmas time. If Christmas is celebrated in your home, talk about your traditions and why they are special to your family.

With your child, pay close attention to the area you live in. How has it changed over time and what changes are happening now e.g. new shops. What was the area like a long time ago? Explore the area using Google Maps.

Our topic this half term is

## Toys past and present

Here are some ideas to support your child at home.

In D.T, we will be making puppets. Make a design for a new hand puppet character toy. This could be from a story such as The Gingerbread Man, The Big Bad Wolf etc. Talk about the materials you would use to make the puppet.

Talk to your child about everyday materials and what different objects are made from. Help them to learn material names such as glass, wood, metal, rock, cotton, plastic. Look at different toys and discuss the materials they are made from.

Draw and paint pictures of toys together and label the different parts.

Help your child to write letters and words with correct letter and number formation (letters starting and finishing in the correct place).  
Practise the sounds and keywords in your child's phonics book.

Please ensure your child has their book bag and reading book in school every day.

**Wednesday PE** Please ensure your child wears correct PE kit and suitable shoes. Please put names on all PE kit and uniform. Thank you.

**Homework**— homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

## MESSAGES

Please read with your child at least 4 times each week to help them to 'be the best they can be'. They can practise skills taught in school and they can win Chance Tickets and stickers for their reading record. Children will also be on the class Proud Cloud for reading 4 times a week or more at home. Remember to write a comment in your child's yellow reading diary.

