

# Year 1: Autumn 1 - From Spinning Tops to X-Box

## English

During English this half term, we will be reading and listening to books such as **Room on a Broom** and **A Squash and a Squeeze** by Julia Donaldson (our focus author). Our writing will focus around these stories and our toys topic. The children will learn how to write simple sentences with full stops and finger spaces. We will look at using simple adjectives in our writing to add description about a character. Revision will take place of the sounds which were learnt in Reception and practising and blending new sounds to read and write words. Alternative sounds will be introduced to the children such as the 'ay' in **day** and the 'ai' in **pain**. We will also be learning to spell more words, practising our letter formation and learning good handwriting habits.

## Maths:

In maths, we will be focusing on numbers within 10. We will be counting forwards and backwards in order from 0-10. Children will be understanding and investigating the meaning of zero and comparing groups and numbers of objects. We will be ordering numbers and objects using language such as 'first, second and third'. In any given number. Pupils will learn to read and write numbers to 10 in numerals and words. Children will learn to use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least. Using their knowledge of counting, pupils will identify 1 more or 1 less and begin to count in multiples of 2. Pupils will learn to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts (within 10). They will begin to add and subtract 1 digit numbers to 10 including zero.

If you would like to help your child learn at home there are many things you can do:

- Read with your child every day
- Join the library
- [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)
- Use age appropriate computer programmes
- Take an interest in what they did at school and bring things in to show us e.g. photos, pictures
- Play with them to help build upon their imagination.
- Use mathematics in everyday situations (counting cars/trees, in the shop, finding and discussing shapes in the environment)

## Creative Learning Journey

- ◆ Our focus this half term in **History**, is on the life in the past, with a particular focus on toys. To start the topic the children will talk about, write and draw their own toys. We will look at the differences between our toys and those in the past. We will be interviewing a visitor about play in the past.
- ◆ In **Science**, we will be learning to identify different materials and what they are like. We will find out which materials are used to make toys and sort them in different ways. We will also begin to collect evidence on how the seasons change and this will continue throughout the year.
- ◆ In **Art**, we will be studying leaves. We will be looking at line, texture, shape and form in leaf drawings. We will be experimenting with using a variety of media to create leaves.
- ◆ In **ICT**, we will be collecting images of toys and presenting them in different ways.
- ◆ In **RE**, children will draw on their understanding of belonging and then relate it to how children are given a sense of belonging in a Sikhism.
- ◆ In **Music**, our focus will be looking at different examples of hip-hop and working on our singing. We will be learning different songs.
- ◆ In **PHSCE**, the pupils will learn group and class rules and know why they are important. They will identify different types of behaviour and understand how this can make others feel
- ◆ In **games**, pupils will learn to move and pass a ball with control and accuracy. In **dance**, pupils will develop skills to show different shapes and levels and learn to repeat movements, phrases and patterns to develop a sequence.

## Information about Year 1

### Homework:

Homework is sent home on Fridays and we encourage you to do it with your child. Please return it by Tuesday. Later on in the term we will be having a Big Read on Friday mornings which we hope you can join us for.

Don't forget to read with your child every night.

### P.E. Timetable:

Class 1A PE – Monday and Friday

Class 1B PE – Monday and Tuesday

Class 1C PE – Tuesday and Wednesday

### Please remember that no earrings are allowed in PE.

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

The children have made a fantastic start to the year. We look forward to getting to know you and your children in the coming weeks.

If you have any concerns or just want a chat about your child's progress

- feel free to talk to us at the end of the day.