



### **Reception Term 3**

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back. A huge thank you for your kind gifts and cards, we hope you had a good Christmas break. This term our topic will be "Toys". If you have not yet done so, please send back Christmas homework as we are starting off our topic with talking to your child about their favourite toys and experiences from Christmas.

**Literacy:** We are looking at differences and features of non-fiction and fiction books

e.g. contents page, index, title, publisher, author, illustrator. Some of the texts we will look at this term include: 'Kipper's Toybox' (Mick Inkpen), 'The Go Kart', 'Look Out' and 'Look at Me' (Oxford Reading Tree), 'Old Bear Stories' (Jane Hissey). We will also be learning 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' (Michael Rosen) using 'Talk for Writing' actions.

**Numeracy:** We will continue to develop counting, ordering and writing numbers to 10 or 20. We will introduce simple addition and subtraction problems. Recognition of 2D and 3D shapes; comparing weight, height and length of objects. Our role play area is to become a toyshop so the children will be using money in practical situations. You can help your child at home by playing shops and helping them to recognise different coins.

**Reading:** Please send your child's book bag in every day, and continue to share and read the books and practise letter sounds and keywords with your child. Remember, reading little and often rather than one long session is more beneficial to your child's progress. Please do not worry if your child has not yet brought home words or a reading book; all children learn at a different pace, but if you would like to discuss further ways in which you can support your child's reading at home then please pop in and see any of us.

**Understanding the World:** We will be investigating what toys are made of; how and why they move; comparing past and present toys and programming a moveable toy. If you have any toys from your childhood that you are willing to share, we would love to look at them. We will also be sending home a questionnaire to help your child find out about Mum's, Dad's and Grandparents' favourite toys. To support your child at home please talk to them about what things are made of, and encourage them to ask questions about how different toys work.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Booktime session: **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2-3pm** in the nursery with Mrs Lodge. Opportunity to discuss booktime activities and resources for you to use at home.
- Toy dance performance: **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9-10am** in the main hall. Your child's books and learning diary will be available to look at during the session.

### **Additional information**

Please remember to send in **named** tee-shirt and shorts for your child for dance in P.E. (no daps needed this term). Please also continue to send in weekly fruit contributions.

Thank you for your continued support.

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