



Newsletter Spring 2012

Dear Parents,

First of all let me take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year! I'd also like to extend my thanks for the gifts generously given to me at Christmas your gratitude is appreciated.

Last term it was a pleasure to teach Class 2 and I look forward to embarking upon the new topic of 'Toys' with them this spring term. Previously, this has been a successful topic choice that has inspired pupils and captured their imaginations, as it is something they can relate to easily.

Within our topic we address all areas of the curriculum and will be building on the many successes in your children's learning so far ensuring development of key skills in literacy and numeracy. One angle of the topic will be looking at the development of toys over time. So don't be surprised if you're asked what your favourite toy was or be frightened of blowing off the dust from those still stored in the attic. No doubt the humble 'teddy' will play a major part in our discussions. We will also do a 'whistle stop' tour around the world looking at toys children play with far and wide. This work will secure last term's geography unit on identifying locations on a globe or map. Further still we shall look at artwork focusing on children at play for example Monet's painting of his son 'Jean on his mechanical horse' and Pieter Bruegel painting 'Children's Games'. Nowadays as I'm sure your aware many toys that the children play with require batteries if not modems! Hence, in science I have chosen to investigate electricity including light, movement and sound.

A parent has already kindly offered to share her expertise and knowledge in science and so will be working within the class this term. If there are any other parent/carer/grandparent who wishes to 'lend' a hand I would welcome support in all areas of the curriculum.

On a more practical note now that the colder weather has arrived I request that the children bring a coat to school daily, named clearly please, as the playground can be bitterly cold.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to approach me on the playground.

Kind regards,

Mrs Spain.