Year 2 – Learning Letter Term 3

A general note:
A big thank you for all your support in Term 2 and we hope you all had a lovely break.
This term we will be asking the question- How have toys changed?
We will have a visit from The Amelia Scott, a culture and arts museum in Tunbridge Wells, that will lead children in an enquiry about Playtime Past.

We would really appreciate help in supporting our children's reading development. We're looking for parent volunteers to come in and listen to children read. Your time and encouragement make a big difference! You can volunteer as often or as little as you're able. Whether it's once a week, once a month, or whenever you have a spare moment, we'd love to have you join us. If you are already a volunteer and are interested then please let your child's teacher know.

English:
Our core fiction text is "The Robot and the Bluebird" by David Lucas. We will be focussing on emotive language and incorporating this with some of our inference reading skills.
Later in the term, we will use a non-fiction book called 'Toys of the Past'. We will also continue to focus on grammar and will recap key skills such as conjunctions, punctuation and suffixes.

Reading – This term's texts for the whole class are: Traction Man by M. Driver and Poems to perform by J. Donaldson.

Maths:
We will start the term embedding the children's knowledge of money including calculations from year 1, finding change, problem-solving and using their knowledge to explain their reasoning.
Next, we will look at Multiplication and Division. The children will receive their Timestable Rockstars logins to practice 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science:
We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials and their properties. We will also be developing our own simple tests and carrying these out. We will work together to investigate how we can use careful observation to answer scientific questions.

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Extra-Curricular Activities (including trips):

Toy Visit – The Amelia Scott – Tuesday 7th January

Buddy Visit – TBC

Class Teachers: Mrs Aucock (Foxes) Miss Rickard (Rabbits)
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Johnson,
PPA cover: Mrs Pullinger, Mrs Hassett

Subject Thread- How have toys changed?

History: We will be focussing on ways that we find out about the past and different ways in which this is represented. We will be identifying similarities and differences between toys from the past and the present.

DT: We will be looking at different toy vehicles and looking at the key features of them. We will then use this information to make moving vehicles at school and then evaluate how successful we were.

RE: We will be learning about the importance of Islam to Muslims and how they live and worship.

PE:
This term's focus will be gymnastics where we will consider how we can travel in curves, straight lines and at different heights using different body parts for balancing. We will be creating sequences of movements and working with a partner.

Computing:
We will be using the children's awareness of online safety, searching for images and information using the World Wide Web. They will find out how to copy, paste, store and retrieve information that they have found in the online world.
We will also continue to learn more about online safety.

Home Learning:
Please listen to your child read as often as you can at home. We expect the children to read at least four times in a week and for this to be recorded in their reading record.

Communication:

Staff are on the door to take daily messages.

Please note our staff training day is Monday this term, but you could catch us on other days after school.
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