

Dormouse Class Newsletter 2025 – Term 2

Dear Families,



We hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved rest over half term and the children are ready for a fun and busy Term 2?! Our topic this term is '**Toys Now and Then**'. We will look at how toys have changed over the years, learn words and phrases related to the passage of time and explore timelines and family trees. The children will have the opportunity to handle historical artefacts when the Fleur de Lis Museum visits school, bringing with them a range of toys from the last 100 years. In **English** we will read the story *Lost in the Toy Museum*, using adjectives to describe characters from the story and writing Missing Posters.

In our **Art** topic 'Funny Faces and Fabulous Features' the children will learn about the concept of the portrait and how the collage technique can be used to make a portrait. In **Design and Technology**, the children will learn about the purpose of shelters and their materials. They will name and describe shelters and design and make shelter prototypes. We will then design and build a shelter for Father Christmas' sleigh in our DT week towards the end of term. In our **Science** topic 'Everyday Materials' we will learn that objects are made from different materials. We will identify a range of everyday materials and their sources. The children will investigate the properties of materials and begin to recognise that a material's properties define its use. In **Maths** we will be developing our understanding of addition and subtraction, number bonds to 10 and fact families. We will sort, recognise and name 2d and 3d shapes and make patterns with them. In **RE** our topic is 'Incarnation – why is Christmas important to Christians?'. Our **PSHE** learning will focus on celebrating differences, looking at ways we are the same and different and talking about friendship and overcoming problems.

Home Learning: We are continuing to prioritise reading at home. Thank you for your continued support with reading with your child at home. Thank you also to the many of you who came to our **Story Squad** reading afternoon last term – it was great to see so many family members there and to share our love of reading with you! We have attached information about Numbots, which you can access using your Log In details from Reception. If you are unsure of these details please speak to a member of the Year 1 team.

In **P.E.** this term we will be taking part in Dance activities, linked to our topic of Toys Now and Then, as well as learning dances for our Nativity. We will also have football lessons with our Team Theme Coach. The children will have P.E. lessons on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child has a full, named P.E. kit in school. For health and safety reasons, children wearing earrings will not be able to participate in P.E. lessons, so please ensure earrings are removed on our P.E days.

Diary Dates

- **Monday 27th October** – Term Starts
- **Monday 3rd November** – INSET Day. School closed to children
- **Friday 14th November** – Children in Need
- **Friday 28th December** – Winter Fair 14:00
- **Tuesday 9th December** – Christmas Production 14:00
- **Wednesday 10th December** – Christmas Production 09:30
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
- **Friday 20th December** – end of term

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Thomas, Mrs Wickham, Mrs Brown and Miss Muzaite