



# Toys Old and New

Welcome to the Year 2 curriculum newsletter. On the back of this page, we have outlined some of the targets your child will be working on, as well as information about PE and education experiences. On this first page, we invite you to explore our topic 'Toys Old and New' with us. This topic finishes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December (Christmas) ready for the next topic **Fire! Fire!** Here are a few ideas that complement what your child will be learning in school.

## How you can help your child...

- ❖ Talk about your childhood. Share your memories about the playground games you used to play. Compare games and discuss the similarities and differences.
- ❖ Find out more about toys from the past. Dig around in your loft and see what you can find. Speak to other members of your family; grandparents and great grandparents. Can they recall their favourite childhood toy? What was it like? What was it made from? Why?



- ❖ Research the history of toys. Talk about how toys have changed. Different family members will have different memories. Compare memories and talk about the similarities and differences.
- ❖ Read and write instructions. Play games or make something which requires a set of instructions. Can you follow them correctly? Discuss why it is important to follow instructions correctly. Can you write some instructions for someone else to follow?
- ❖ Share an old book. Read the story together. Do you know the story? Do you recognise the characters? Is it like something else you have read?

## Educational Visits and Visitors - Y2

*This half term, we have planned several exciting educational experiences which will provide additional learning opportunities for your child.*

- 30.10.17 - Boxes of old toys delivered by Ryedale Folk Museum
- 2.11.17 - Visit from the Fire Service to talk about fire safety
- 10.11.17 - Y2 Remembrance lesson led by Mr Grant
- November 2017 - Parents and grandparents to be invited into school to talk about their childhood memories (letter to follow)
- TBC - Y2 Carol Concert at St. Saviour's Church
- 21.12.17 - Christmas Panto at Scarborough Spa

Please read **daily** or as often as possible with your child. Your child's enjoyment of reading and books is key to their success.

### English Targets

- Read at home daily.  
(Books are changed every day in Year 2)
- Practise reading and spelling key words. (Y1 and Y2 word list)
- Answer questions and make some inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.
- Use conjunctions when writing. (and, but and or)
- Spell some words using the contracted form. (can't, don't, it's)

### Maths Targets

- Recall doubles and halves to 20. (e.g. pupil knows that double 2 is 4, double 5 is 10 and half of 18 is 9)
- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables to solve simple problems.
- Use multiplication facts to make deductions outside known multiplication facts.
- Read scales in divisions of ones, twos, fives and tens in a practical situation where all numbers on the scale are given.

### PE/Games Days

Jupiter - Monday afternoon/Friday

Mars - Monday afternoon/Friday

Mercury - Monday afternoon/ Tuesday

Venus - Monday afternoon/Venus

We will be happy to explain how you can practise these targets with your child. We hope you enjoy the activities and feel free to add to them and let us know your ideas too.

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