



The Priory Church of England Primary School

Learning together, aiming high

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed your half-term break. Our project this half term is 'Toys from the past'. For our Brilliant Beginning, we will be looking at old toys and comparing them to toys from today.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be focusing on the following:

In Maths, we will be:

- Learning about positions (first, second, third) as well as directional language.
- Numbers to 20.
- Learning addition and subtraction within 20.
- Learning about shapes and patterns.

In English, we will be:

- Reading, learning and writing a 'Traditional Tale', based on 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'.
- We will be learning how to write a 'Recount' text, using our 'Toys from the past' 'brilliant beginning' workshop.

Home learning will be set via Google Classroom each week to support the English and Maths learning in class. English home learning will continue to be set on a Tuesday and Maths home learning will be set on a Thursday.

In R.E. we will be:

- Understanding Christianity, focusing on 'incarnation. Our key question will be: 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

In DT, we will be:

- Designing and constructing a toy that uses winders and crank mechanism.
- Designing and making a peg doll.

In Science, we will be:

- Learning about 'Everyday Materials'. We will be learning about the differences between an object and the material that it is made from.



- We will identify and name everyday materials, e.g. wood, plastic, glass and metal.

In **History** we will be:

- Comparing toys (now and in the past- especially the Victorian period).
- We will be focusing on the following key questions: Can I put objects in chronological order? Can I use phrases to describe the passing of time? (old, new, in the past).

In **PE and games**, we will be doing:

- Gymnastics: Body parts
- Ball Skills

PE will continue to take place every Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

In **Music**, we will be:

- Performing a traditional song from memory, remembering the order of the verses.
- Learn to sing songs with a relaxed swung rhythm, using dynamics to enhance the mood of a song.
- Create a song with an accompaniment using un-tuned percussion.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to a successful term in Class 1.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss Etheridge
Class 1 Teacher