



# The Priory Church of England Primary School

***Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve***

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely half-term break. We have had a great start to the second part of the Autumn term. Our topic this half term is called '**Toy Story**'. As our Brilliant Beginning, we will be looking at old toys and comparing them to toys from today as well as toys from other cultures. As part of this topic, we will be going on a school trip to 'The Museum of Dorset' to explore the exhibition all about toys from the past – details were emailed out earlier this week!

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

**In Maths, we will be:**

- Consolidating our knowledge and understanding of numbers to 20.
- Exploring addition and subtraction within 20.
- Starting to learn about positions (first, second, third) as well as directional language.

**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 'brilliant beginning' workshop.

**Home learning** will continue to 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 Monday and Maths home learning will be set on a Thursday. The children will be assessed on their spellings at the end of each half-term and in the meantime, I track use of key spellings in each piece of writing. Thank you for your continued support in listening to your child read. It really does make all the difference.

**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 winding toy that uses a winder and crank mechanism.



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.
- Identifying and naming everyday materials, e.g. wood, plastic, glass and metal.
- Exploring the properties of materials and investigating which materials would be best to use to build a house to save the Three Little Pigs from the Big Bad Wolf.

In **History** we will be:

- Comparing toys from the present day with those from the past, especially the Victorian period.
- Exploring the similarities and differences between toys from other cultures from around the world.
- 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 **Music**, we will be:

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

In **PE and Games**, we will be developing our:

- Gymnastics skills, specifically how to make best use of our bodies when moving and making different shapes
- Ball Skills.

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

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

Yours Faithfully,

Miss Etheridge  
Class 1 Teacher

