

Year 1 Newsletter

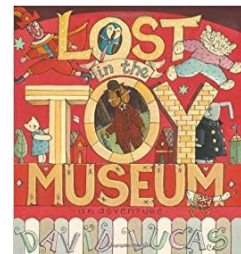
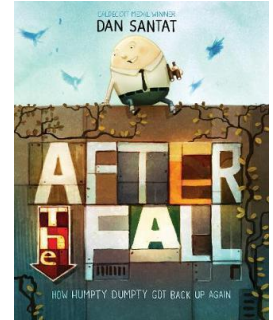
Autumn 1

Welcome back

We hope you all enjoyed your summer holiday and spending time relaxing with family and friends. We are excited about being back in school and looking forward to our first half term.

What will we be learning?

We will start our Year focusing on our whole school text "After the Fall," by Dan Santat. Our first topic is based on Toys. We will be looking at different toys throughout history, exploring what we mean by "old" and "new" and see how toys have changed over time. Our Art learning will include use of collage and sketching. In Science, we will be looking at everyday materials and their properties. We will also test materials to see if they float or sink. It would be great if you could investigate this at home too!



English

We are looking forward to exploring a range of stories linked to Toys as well as non-fiction texts to find out more information on our topic. This will happen alongside daily phonic lessons and opportunities to develop their cursive handwriting and letter formation.

Maths

In Maths we will work on numbers to 10/20 and use them to add, subtract and introduce the idea of grouping and sharing. We will also be looking at shapes and their properties.

Home Learning

We believe reading at home is an important way of supporting your child with their learning at school. We recommend that children read to an adult every evening for about ten minutes. Please also ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day, so they are able to take a range of books home at their book band level and so teachers are able to comment and provide suggestions to help you, too. Spellings will be sent home each week. Please encourage your child to read the word, cover and write the word, then check for accuracy. We will go through the spellings as a class on a Friday.

Uniform and P.E. kit

Children will be doing P.E. twice a week as part of their school learning. We would prefer they bring their kit to school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. For P.E. children should wear black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, black or blue or white t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.

The children have settled in to their first week and we thank you for supporting us during this transition back into school life,

Many thanks,

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