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Early Years Foundation Stage

Class Jay Topic letter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class Jay!

We have an exciting term ahead of us centred around our topic of 'Toys.' In this letter, you will find an outline of the Autumn term where we will explain all the different areas of learning and what the children will be working on this term. We hope you will find this useful when working with your child.

Curriculum Overview

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

As the children will be new to school, we will help them to settle into their class and become familiar with their peers and other adults. We teach the children to share resources, ask to join in or initiate play and develop a better understanding of their emotions.

Communication and Language

In EYFS we enjoy sharing stories. We encourage the children to discuss the story, make predictions and think about the characters and how they are or could be feeling. As the children develop their listening, we support their development in speaking in small groups and whole class situations. We encourage them to express their own ideas and feelings and ask how and why questions.

Physical development

This area is divided into gross motor skills and fine motor skills.

Fine motor skills focuses on teaching the children to hold a pencil in the tripod grip and use a range of tools such a scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.

Gross motor skills are mostly taught during our PE sessions where children are taught a variety of skills and games to help develop their balance and coordination.



Literacy

Each week we will be looking at a different book linked to toys. The children will develop their writing skills through a range of tasks such as writing labels for different toys, captions for pictures leading to the development of full sentences, letters and stories. The children will be encouraged to use their phonic knowledge to write independently.

Maths

We spend the first term becoming familiar with numbers 1-10. This gives the children a deeper understanding of numbers for example one is the same as 1 apple and the value of 1p and a circle has 1 side etc. The children will be taught how to form these numbers correctly and to recognise them in their different forms.

Understanding the world

During these sessions, we give the children opportunities to talk about their lives, the lives of people around them and their role in society. We start with discussing someone who they find special and why. During our toy topic, we look at similarities and differences between things in the past and now. We will look at toys that grandparents, and parents played with and how the children's toys now are similar or different. We also carry out experiments such as which material would be best for a teddy bear.

Expressive arts and design

We have lots of fun experimenting with different colours, medium and techniques to further investigate toys. We make great use of our role-play areas where children are encouraged to use props and materials to recreate characters. This term we have a Toy Shop and Toy Hospital!

Routines

Reading Books - As we need time to ensure the books have been cleaned and quarantined for 72 hours, we will change the Oxford Reading Tree book on a Wednesday and the Bug Club book on a Friday. We suggest that you spend one night reading their book and another on their phase 2 sound and tricky word card as we understand not all children are willing to sit and complete both after a long day at school. We spend the first few weeks of school getting to know your child and assessing them so you will not receive a reading book until after we have done this. We also hope to run an online meeting to explain our reading system.



PE will be on Tuesday morning and Friday morning. We encourage the children to get themselves ready for the lesson to develop their independence. Therefore, on these days if you could avoid clothing which your child finds tricky it will help. We do go outside in most weather conditions so please ensure your child has a tracksuit in their PE bag for when the weather starts to turn.

Let's Present will be on a Wednesday afternoon - this is a part of our speaking and listening curriculum. Each child will be allocated a date for their presentation, where they have the opportunity to bring in something they would like the rest of the class to see and hear about. We will start this on 30th September and we will send out a separate letter with more information.

Top Tips

Once you receive your phase card and reading books, try to listen to your child read as often as possible even a couple of pages will help re-inforce the sounds they learn at school.

Read to your child - it is important that they can hear expression in your reading, which will help them as their reading, develops. Listening to stories or information that they may not be able to access by themselves is also beneficial to their learning development, vocabulary and imagination.

Practise their sounds on a regular basis - in the bath, on the way to school, whenever you have time.

Enjoy seeing their progress and make it fun!

We look forward to getting to know you and your child over the year!
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many Thanks,

Miss Bridge and Mrs Crouch

