



# Malvern Newsletter



Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year in Malvern class.

We have had a wonderful first week together and I am looking forward to getting to know you all a lot better and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Malvern Class has to offer!

This term our topic is TOYS! We will be immersing ourselves within this topic through different subjects.

**Geography:** Toys Around The World.

**History:** Toys From The Past.

**Art/DT:** sketching, split pins, puppets, design packaging for chosen toys.

**Science:** This term, the children will be exploring all things 'Materials'. They will be exploring properties of materials, conducting experiments and learning what it means to conduct a 'fair test'.

**Computing:** Throughout the term we will be making useful computing links to our topic, maths and literacy. We will also be using BeeBots to develop our navigation and programming skills!

**RE:** What Christians believe God is like?

**PE:** This term our focus is multi skills involving ball control with hands and feet. Following this, we will be doing dance.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

**Miss Ree**

## Literacy

As our topic this term is toys, we will be linking our literacy work to this too. To start with, we will be immersing ourselves within the story of Pinocchio, through drama, setting descriptions, writing the original and writing an innovated version of the story. In addition, we will be writing instructions, exploring the story of "Alone in the Woods" and will be busy planning for a Teddy Bear's picnic at the end of term.

Grammar, punctuation and spelling lessons will be taught in ability groups for twenty minutes each day with a weekly spelling test (every Friday) using our new Read, Write, Inc spelling programme.

We have **guided reading** sessions every day on a rotation system, once a week your child will read to the teacher as part of a group, complete comprehension tasks with a teaching assistant, read in the reading garden or complete phonics (Y1) tasks. Parent helpers listen to the children twice a week.

## Numeracy

We will be developing our mathematical skills through exploring number, measure, addition and subtraction, money and problem solving.

Problem solving will be at the end of every unit to fully immerse the children within the skills they have learned.

## Homework:

- ◆ The children are expected to read at home as much as possible and log this in their reading record. If a child reads at home for 4 out of 5 nights a week, they will receive two house points!
- ◆ Maths homework will be given out every Friday which will be linked to what the children have been doing in class that week. It is expected to be returned by the **following Wednesday**.
- ◆ Spellings - spelling tests will be every Friday. The whole term spelling list was given out at the beginning of term. Children should practise at home as much as possible.

## General Reminders

- ◆ The children will be doing PE on **Tuesdays**, please ensure their kit (white t shirt, **navy shorts**, pumps) are labelled and kept in school. Please provide a sports jumper for those chilly days!