WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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EYFS Curriculum Newsletter- Autumn Term This term our topics are 'Toys' and 'Winter Wonderland'

As Readers we will be looking at the stories about old and new toys. We will be retelling the stories as well as drawing pictures and writing lists, labels and captions about our favourite toys. After half term we will be looking at some non-fiction books about winter. In our Phonics work, we will be beginning Phase 1 of the Letters and Sounds program. We will start by looking at a range of environmental and instrumental sounds. Once this phase is well established, we will begin Phase 2 sounds including, s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, h, b, u, r, e, ss, l, ll, f, ff.





As Writers Reception children will have access to mark making resources in the writing area and will be encouraged to practise writing their name and any other letters they know. We will be using a variety of tools such as crayons, chalk, pencils, felt tips, paint to do this. We will also be working closely on children's fine motor skills in preparation for writing. We will be using malleable materials such as playdough, foam and slime to support this.

As Mathematicians Reception children will begin to develop their skills in basic counting, number recognition and ordering numbers to 5 and then 10. We will also be looking at ways to find one more or one less than a group of objects as well as identifying 2D and 3D shapes in the environment. After half term we will be focusing on solving problems with shape, space and measure.





As Explorers we will be talking about our favourite toys and how they differ from toys in the past. We will be looking closely at what toys are made from, whether they float or sink and whether you have to push or pull them. After half term we will be exploring the season of winter and looking at changes in weather and the environment.

As Artists we will be exploring and using a variety of different materials to create simple representations of our favourite toys. We will be creating observational paintings, using junk modelling, making paper crafts by folding and creating puppets of the toys that we are learning about. After half term we will be using different media to create snowy pictures and snowflakes as well as Christmas cards, calendars and tree decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre.



PE lessons will take place on a <u>Wednesday</u> afternoon with Sam Loomes. We recommend that your child brings their PE kit into school every Monday and we will send them home every Friday to be washed and returned the following week.

We would also like to invite parents/carers to come into school every week to change your child's library book. The classroom will be open from <u>3.00pm</u> onwards every <u>Monday</u> afternoon for you and your child to browse the selection of books and choose one to take home. This book will need to be returned before you can choose another the following week.

If there are any questions or concerns about your child's learning and progress do not hesitate to come and ask. Thank you for your support.

Miss Calaby