

# WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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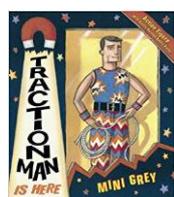
## Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fun and exciting summer break and are ready to begin a new school year.

### Our Themes

This term we will be starting off with the theme of 'Toys'. The children will be developing an understanding of the similarities and differences of toys in the past and present. We will be looking closely at what the toys look like, how they operate and what materials they are made from. After half term we will be exploring the topic 'Blown Away'. The children will have the opportunity to explore the world around them, particularly in relation to local and global weather patterns. We will be comparing hot and cold regions of the world through studying wind and clouds.

### English



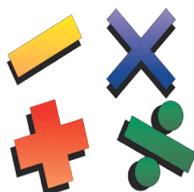
During our English sessions this half term we will be using the story of 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. We will be reading the story aloud and discussing the main characters, setting and themes in the book through shared writing and drama. We will also be retelling the story through story mapping, drawings and annotation. After half term we will be looking at the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver

Jeffers. We will begin to develop our sentence structure and grammar, including full stops and capitals letters, as well as using other types of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks in our writing. We will also be reciting and creating our own weather poems as well as writing instructions.

In Phonics we shall be building on our previous learning as well as learning new sounds using our Phonics bug program.



### Maths



This half term we shall work on our understanding of number and place value. We will also be looking at addition and subtraction in greater detail and finding ways to solve problems using this knowledge. As a class we will also be developing our skills in counting, sequencing and sorting numbers as well as exploring 2D and 3D shape. After half term we will be solving problems involving fractions, money, time, length and mass/weight.

### Science

In Science this half term the children will be exploring the topic of 'Everyday Materials'. The children will be introduced to a range of basic materials and their properties. After half term we will be learning about weather associated with the four seasons. We will be making our own observations of the weather and carrying out simple investigations to collect and analyse data.

## **Home Learning**

Home Learning activities shall be set at the beginning of each half term. The children will be given a choice of six activities to choose from. Their completed work will be shared with the class and celebrated at the end of every half term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and maths homework will also be sent home on a weekly basis.



## **Reading Books**



We should have our reading books and records in school every day and should read at home as often as we can. This can be either alone in a quiet place, or to an adult – either way we must make sure we have written down the number of pages read and the date in our Reading Records.

## **PE**

It is important to make sure that we have PE kits in school throughout the week. Children will need shorts, a t-shirt or a tracksuit (for those colder outdoor sessions), trainers and plimsolls.

PE will continue with Sam Loomes on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Sam uses the curriculum to create a fun program that challenges different skills and abilities.

## **Library Books**

We would like to continue to invite parents/carers to come into school every week to change your child's library book. The classroom will be open from **3.00pm** onwards every **Monday 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 continued support.

Miss Calaby