

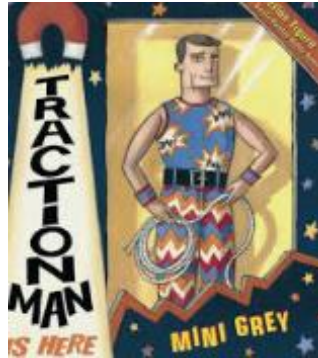
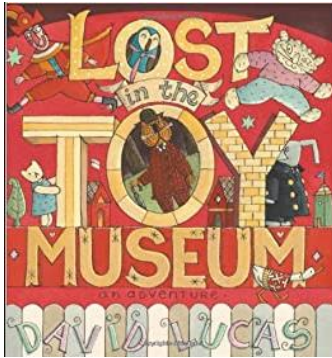
'Toys'

Squirrels Newsletter Term 2 2024/2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you have all had an enjoyable half term. Will be starting our year with a topic all about toys. The children will be learning about the history of toys and finding out about the changes that have occurred over time and why. Alongside this they will be learning about the materials that are used to make toys and also design and make our own toys.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **named water bottle and a book bag** every day.
- Our PE days are **Monday, Thursday and Friday's**. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on these days.

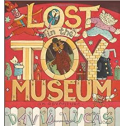


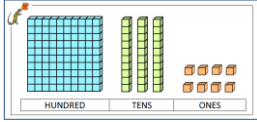

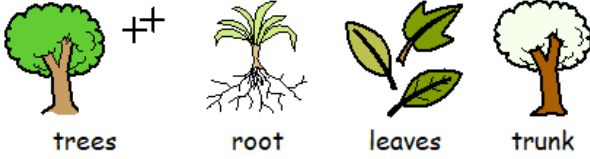











Home Learning

If you would like a learning activity to complete at home during this term with your child, you can choose from one of these activities:

- Ask a family member about the favourite toy they had when they were younger, why was it their favourite?
- Play a board game with members of your family, how has how we play games changed?
- Have a go at making your own board game.
- Design a new toy, what would it be like?

'Toys' Learning Map Term 2 2024

What are we learning this term?

<p>Liteacy</p>	<p>Instruction writing</p> 	<p>Narrative</p> 	<p>Letters</p> 
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Number and place value</p> 	<p>Shape</p> 	
<p>Science</p>			
<p>History</p>	<p>Toys from the 20th century</p> 	<p>Victorian toys</p> 	<p>Comparing toys</p> 
<p>Music</p>	<p>Listening Appraisal Improvising</p> 		
<p>ICT</p>	<p>E-Safety</p> 	<p>Technology outside school</p> 	
<p>PSHE</p>		<p>Celebrating difference</p>	
<p>DT</p>	<p>Making toys</p> 		
<p>RE</p>			

Home learning:

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by recording this on Boom Reader.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2. Squirrels are encouraged regularly to change their books regularly, please can you help remind your child when their books need changing.</p>			
Phonics Year 1	Attached to the newsletter you will find our Weekly Phonics overview- please read through these words with your child at home to supplement the Phonics teaching we will be completing in class.			
Lexia Year 2	Your child should have a Lexia log in all set up, if you need reminding of this then let me know. They need to complete this at least 3 times a week, even if it is just for 10 minutes.			
Maths	Maths homework will be set from a new CPG book. It will be set on a Friday and need to be returned on the following Friday. The children can bring it back in whenever they have finished it during that week and put it in the 'finished homework' box.			
Spelling	<p>We will not be setting weekly Spellings.</p> <p>Year 1: please practice spelling their Phonics words from the weekly Phonics sheets.</p> <p>Year 2: please practice the attached spellings from Little Wandle, we will also be practising these in class. See below the speller's toolkit we will be developing with Year 2 pupils this year.</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>Autumn 1 5 weeks: Phase 5 review</td><td>Autumn 2 5 weeks: Bridge to spelling</td><td>Spring and Summer 20 weeks: Spelling units</td></tr></table>	Autumn 1 5 weeks: Phase 5 review	Autumn 2 5 weeks: Bridge to spelling	Spring and Summer 20 weeks: Spelling units
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Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items that support our topic, so if anyone has any items that may help us with any of the work above that we could borrow, we would love to see them. We will have a topic-based 'show and tell' weekly on a Friday, see below the slot for your child.

Week 1 Friday 8th November - Year 1 boys

Week 2 Friday 15th November - Year 2 girls

Week 3 Friday 22nd November - Year 1 girls

Week 4 Friday 29th November - Year 2 boys

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Tucker, Mrs Luckhurst and Miss Green