

CHOLLERTON FIRST SCHOOL

Reception Topic Letter



2nd Half Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term. Here is an outline of our work.
Our theme this term is toys.



Communication, Language and Literacy



Our stories are based on the theme of toys. We will think about characters and why they act in the way they did.

We will look at information books about toys, finding out about toys which suit different ages of children and toys in the past.

Please continue to reading scheme books with your child and let us know how it is going by writing a comment in the reading record books - your comments are very helpful.

Mathematics

We are continuing to work with numbers to ten, our focus being 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.



We will be thinking about addition, adding 1 more to a set to create a new number.

We will be sorting in a variety of ways and representing our information in block graphs, for example, how many children come to school in the bus/ in a car/ on foot?

We will also introduce shape, 3D; cylinders, spheres, cubes and cuboids, and 2D shapes; squares, rectangles, circles and triangles.

Please look for and discuss different shapes at home.

Understand the World

We will look at how we can make toys move. We will find out that *push* and *pull* are forces.

Please look at toys - how do we get them to move? Do they move quickly or slowly?

People and Communities

We will think about toys in the past: how are they different from today's toys?

We will learn about Guy Fawkes and the history of the teddy bear.

We will find out what it means to belong to a community.

We will think about light and how it is used in different religions and we will learn about the Christmas Story and Christingle.



Technology



We will direct objects around a screen and continue to learn how to work through programs which support our learning.

We will make alien puppets using junk materials.

Please send in any pieces of collage or junk that might be useful, e.g. buttons, ribbons, shiny paper, bumpy or textured paper, plastic bottle tops, etc.

Physical Development

We will focus on movement and dance.

We will continue 'Activate' sessions on balance, coordination and movement. Please ask your child to demonstrate activate!

Also, please encourage your child to play with small objects to help coordination, e.g. threading beads, peg boards, jigsaws.

Becky will teach gymnastics this half term.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will explore other cultures' toys and games.

We will respect each other and share.

We will talk about team work and helping others.

We will think about how we can keep ourselves safe' at home, outside, staying safe around strangers. People who can help us.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will look carefully at teddy bears and represent them in different ways: pencil sketches and pastel drawings.



Please get in touch if you have any queries.

Thank you for your support.

H. Davey