



Reception Spring 1 Half Term Curriculum Newsletter 2023-2024

Reception Topics: Toys

Topic overview: This half term the children will be looking closely at similarities and differences in past and present toys. They will be looking at how different toys work and will be making their own toys.



How can you help

With your child look closely at their toys. How do they work? Can your child draw a picture of their favourite toy and label it? Discuss the differences between your child's toys and the toys you played with as a child.

Ask about

Discuss your child's favourite toy? Why is it their favourite toy?
What is their toy made out of?
How does it work?

Encourage independence



Zipping up my coat



Putting my hat and gloves on

Putting my own shoes on.



Make sure your child completes their handwriting sheet every week.

We will be reading lots of non-fiction books this half term. Share some non-fiction books together. How are they different to fiction books?



We will continue to recognise numbers 1- 10 and beyond.



If you have any questions about this topic or on how to support your child further, please speak to your child's teacher.



Basic Knowledge:

I can compare how different toys work.

I can compare toys from around the world.

- toy
- past
- present
- plastic
- wooden
- metal
- electronic
- push
- pull
- favourite
- toy shop
- money
- buy
- construct
- co-ordination
- instruments
- non-fiction
- information
- contents page
- fact
- photo
- heavy
- light
- valentine's day

Physical Development

Basic Knowledge:

To write most letter shapes accurately using the tripod grip.



To begin to use
instruments correctly.

