



Toys and Games

Reception Autumn Term 2

Reception parents and carers,

We hope you had a lovely half-term! This term we will be basing our learning around 'Toys and Games' Some of the activities we will be doing include making teddy bear biscuits, sorting and comparing old and new toys and taking part in role-play in the Toy Shop and Post Office areas of the classrooms. We will also be doing lots of singing and acting in role in preparation for our Christmas Nativity!

The loan of any books or resources that link with our 'Toys and Games' topic would be wonderful. Please remember to label your belongings clearly ☺

We have recently put in your child's book bag a comprehension book and a word book. Please try and read with your child at least 3 times per week, this might perhaps be 5 or 10 minutes at a time. Don't be afraid to look silly by singing the Jolly Phonic songs and doing the actions wherever you go! Books will be changed once a week every Friday, please record whether your child has read at home by writing a comment or even just signing your name to let us know ☺. Of course, please continue to read other books with your child exposing them to a variety of genres.

We have also put number cards in a little envelope in your child's book bag. These are for your child to practice number recognition at home. We will also use the number cards at school, so please ensure they are kept in book bags ready for us to practise with, too. At school we will pop a tick on the back of a number card if they can recognise the number correctly. Once we have ticked a number 3 times at school, your child can throw the card in the bin. Which they love to do! Thank you for your support with this ☺

Activities to do with your child at home before Christmas:

- ☺ Can your child write their name with a pencil, forming their letters correctly (and also in a variety of ways – in shaving foam, with magnetic letters, with a stick in soil). When writing their name with a pencil or pen do they form the letters properly, following the Jolly Phonic scheme? Please help them practise this.
- ☺ Can your child recognise and order the numbers 0 to 10 and then 11-20 when found out of sequence. You could do this in a variety of ways such as using playing cards.

Please check your child's book bags regularly as they will often contain letters and other useful information. On the reverse is some more detail about your child's second term in school. Have a read through and don't be afraid to contact us if you are not sure what something is.

Show and Tell will start again in January, we will pop a rota in book bags soon. It has been lovely to hear the children speak with such growing confidence in front of their peers!

Have fun!

The Reception Team ☺