



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting new half-term! Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the fascinating theme of, 'Toys through Time.' This engaging topic will inspire curiosity, creativity, and learning. We will dive into the history of toys, exploring how they have evolved over the years, and we will also look at different types of toys from various cultures. Our English lessons will closely tie into our topic, as we read stories, write creatively, and develop our skills, whilst exploring the world of toys. We are excited for a term filled with discovery, fun, and new insights! On the 13<sup>th</sup> February we will be having our Year 1 Wow Day! More information will follow in the coming weeks.

### **Ways to Extend Learning at Home**

If you would like to do some learning at home, then below are a couple of fun and engaging ways you can do this, linked to our topic.

- **Explore the History of Toys:** Take some time to research different types of toys from various time periods and cultures. This could include visiting a local museum, watching documentaries, or reading books about the history of toys. Together, you can create a timeline or a scrapbook that highlights how toys have evolved over time and then bring it in to show the class.
- **Create a Toy Project:** Encourage your children to design and make their own toy, inspired by historical or traditional designs. Once complete, children can present their toy to the class, explaining the design and how it reflects the era or culture it was inspired by.

We would love to see any work your child completes at home! Please feel free to share their creations on **Seesaw**. It is always wonderful for the class to share in the learning of one another.

### **The Importance of Daily Reading**

A gentle reminder about the crucial role of reading. Reading with your child every day is one of the most valuable ways to support their learning, language development, and confidence. Please make it part of your daily routine to read together and log your sessions on Boom Reader. These records help us monitor your child's progress and tailor support as needed. If you have any questions or need support accessing Boom Reader, please let me know, and I'd be happy to assist. Books will continue to be changed on either a Thursday or Friday.

### **Weather and Appropriate Clothing**



As the weather is now turning colder, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in suitable, warm clothing. Layers, such as jumpers, coats, and hats, will keep them comfortable throughout the day, especially during outdoor play and activities. Labelling your child's clothing with their name is also crucial, as it helps us to return lost items promptly.

### **Morning Snacks**

Your child will be offered a piece of fruit/veg each day. Alternatively you are welcome to send in a snack if you wish – this must be a piece of fruit or veg. Please also send in a labelled water bottle for your child to use throughout the day.

### **Wellies**

In Year 1 we make the most of the outdoor space. Just as in Reception, we welcome a spare pair of named wellingtons in school, so that we can use the grounds appropriately.



### **Labels**

At Kingstone and Thruxton, we do our very best to teach the children to look after their belongings, please help us by making sure that you label your child's shoes, wellies and clothing with their name. If you realise that anything is missing, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can locate and return it to you.

### **PE**

Tuesday is our PE day. We are continuing to keep the system where the children come into school in their PE kit and stay in their kit for the day. You may wish to send your child wearing black or navy jogging bottoms or leggings if the weather is cold. Similarly, the children will need school their jumper or hoodie over their PE t-shirt to make sure they are warm enough.

The school PE kit is:

- Plain navy hoodie or school branded hoodie/school jumper/cardigan
- Plain navy or white t-shirt
- Plain navy or black shorts/bottoms
- White, black or navy socks
- Suitable footwear.



We look forward to a memorable half term filled with joy, learning, and exploration. Thank you for your ongoing support in making this term a positive experience for everyone.

Warm regards,

*Lucy*

Mrs Jackson and The Year 1 Team