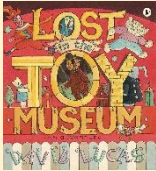
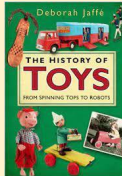


Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased to see the children following their winter and back enthusiastic to learn! If you have any questions, please come and speak to us.

	Spring 1 in Year 1				
	Our topic is: Terrific Toys				
English	Maths	Science	DT	History	
Our main text this term will be Lost at the Toy Museum. We will be learning all about toys and comparing toys from the past with now. We will use this to write information fact files. Following this, we will write our own narrative based on our class text about a lost toy. Our learning will link to our history topic of changes within living memory and science where we will be learning about everyday materials.	In Maths we will begin by focussing on Geometry. This will involve the children learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will then revisit number and place value with a focus on subtraction with numbers 1-10. Following this we will focus on addition and subtraction with a focus on additive structures.	We are learning about everyday materials. Children will learn to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. We will learn to identify and name a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, water and rock and describe the simple physical properties of these materials. This will lead on to children comparing and grouping everyday materials based on their physical properties.	This term the children will be very excited to be making their own toys. They will explore mechanisms (for example levers, sliders, wheels and axles). They will use this to help them design purposeful, functional and appealing products for themselves and others to play with.	Our focus for history this term will be toys with a focus on changes within living memory. Children will learn to sequence objects using vocabulary such as 'old', 'new', 'then' and 'now' and describe how some aspects of life today differ from the past, using simple historical vocabulary.	
PE	RE	Music	Computing	PSHE	
We are learning about Team games and will explore this using a variety of games including under/overs, Mud Monsters, Foxes & farmers and hoop games.	With a focus on remembering we will be learning about Passover within Judaism.	We are excited to be using 'Sing up' to help us learn fun songs. Within the topic of football, children will focus on Beat, Ostinato and Pitch.	We are lucky to be learning with Computer explorers and will be programming moving robots.	We are learning about healthy relationships, feelings and emotions and valuing differences. This will involve sharing views and opinions and respecting similarities and differences.	

How can I help my child at home?

Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer. **Useful websites:**

 Bug Club - www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
www.topmarks.co.uk
www.phonicsplay.co.uk
www.natgeokids.com/uk
<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk>

Homework and PE.

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of topic. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday**. **Hedgehogs** have PE on **Monday** and **Friday**.

Squirrels have PE on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit into school on these days (or leave it on their pegs in the cloakroom).



Home Reading Books

We are very keen to send home actual reading books as soon as possible. However, this won't be until after the special **Key Stage 1 Home / School Reading Launch**.

While we are waiting, we will be continuing to set home school reading books online at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Student logins will be provided in the front of Homework Books. We will also be sending home **Phonics Booklets** for children to practise reading and spelling CVC words and Tricky Words. Please try to complete at least a page a week.

Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read to your child at home.

This can be either in your home language or in English. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of material including comics, poems and non-fiction to broaden their reading experiences. Please don't forget, whenever you read at home you should fill in a section of their Reading Record with brief details of what you have read. Children will bring their reading records home before half-term. They will get rewarded in class for reading at home.

