



# Curriculum Information

Our topic for Term 2 continues our theme of toys, with more toys coming to life, this time animated by their humans. We love the book, "Traction Man" and use this to develop play and think about what characters think and say. Of course this is also our Christmas term, so we will be preparing for the Infant Nativity!

## English

Children will explore a range of texts through Drawing Club this term: Traction Man by Mini Grey, The Christmas Story by Ian Beck and The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson.

**Key Vocabulary:** finger spaces, capital letters, full stops, Fred talk. **Letter families:** long ladder letters, curly caterpillar letters, one armed robot letters and zigzag letters.

## Reading

The children will continue developing their reading skills through our phonics programme, Read Write Inc. Please help us by encouraging your child to read everyday as part of your daily routine.

## Mathematics

This term the children will be: Partitioning and combining numbers, including doing this systematically to find all possible combinations e.g. for 5: 0+5, 1+4, 2+3, 3+2, 4+1 and 5+0. They will be learning how to compare lengths, heights, weights and quantities using vocabulary and symbols.

**Key Vocabulary:** part, whole, combine, systematically, greater than, less than, equal to, longer, taller, shorter, heavier, lighter.

## Science

In Science, we will be continuing testing materials to decide which would be the best to make different toys.

In the woods we will be conducting scavenger hunts to identify the trees and also find out what

happens to deciduous trees and which are evergreen.

**Key Vocabulary:** wood, metal, plastic, fabric, ash, beech, oak, cherry.

## Music

We will be using our music sessions to learn our Nativity songs. We usually post these on Seesaw, so you can practise them at home too.

**Key vocabulary:** chorus, verse, instrumental, solo.

## History

Children will ask questions and then find out about Ole Kirk Christiansen. They will compare toys from now and in the past and discover ways we can find out about the past.

**Key Vocabulary:** past, present, then, now, old, new, tatty, torn, chipped, worn out.

## Geography

Children will be identifying the changes in seasons as we move from Autumn into Winter. They will continue to use 4 compass points and continue to practise naming the continents and oceans.

**Key Vocabulary:** continent, ocean, seasons, Autumn, Winter, weather, adjectives related to weather

## Art/DT

Children will draw old toys, practising using lines of different widths and showing texture. In DT, they will make a simple sock puppet and have a go at sewing on buttons.

**Key Vocabulary:** line, detail, texture, sew, stitch.

## Computing

Our Computing focus for Term 2 is Grouping Data. We explore how computers use labels.

**Key Vocabulary:** data, label, describe, compare

## PE

In PE this term we will be learning Gymnastics and Ball skills

**PE days are Thursdays and Fridays.**

## RE

The children will be learning all about the story of the birth of Jesus from the Bible and comparing this to our Nativity production. We will be thinking about what Christians are celebrating at Christmas and how they celebrate.

**Key Vocabulary:** Nativity, church, prayer, carols, family meal, sharing, Bible.

## PSHE

Through the SCARF programme, we will be thinking about what makes a good friend and who can help us at school and at home.

## Whole Child Objectives

**Social:** To tell someone you don't like what they are doing if they upset you.

**Emotional:** To know what to do to get back to the green zone if you are feeling a bit sad.

**Thinking:** To do jobs around the classroom to take responsibility for keeping it tidy.