



PUFFIN POST

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Literacy

The Puffins will continue to develop their literacy skills through Read, Write Inc. We will be working hard to improve our spelling and handwriting this half term. Please support your child with this by practising the weekly spellings in their homework book and completing tasks on Spellodrome.



As well as daily Read, Write Inc lessons, we will develop reading and writing skills through our topic 'Toys R Us'. We will be creating compound sentences to add more detail and give explanations in our writing.

Science

This half term we will be investigating how toys can be moved by pushing and pulling. We will investigate what affects the distance a toy vehicle will travel. We will measure and record distances and present our findings.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/forces_movement.shtml



History

We will be looking at the similarities and differences between toys today and toys in the past. We will use a range of sources of information to find out about toys in the past and how they have evolved over time. You can support your child to understand how things have changed by talking about their favourite toys and comparing to the toys parents and grandparents played with.



Mathematics

Number: This half term we will develop our knowledge of place value by partitioning 2-digit numbers in a variety of ways. We will add/subtract 2-digit numbers and tens using objects, pictures as well as doing this in our heads.



We will be calculating mathematical statements for \times and \div and recall multiplication and division facts for $\times 2$, $\times 5$ and $\times 10$.

We will be recognising, finding, naming and writing $1/2$, $1/4$, $1/3$, $3/4$ of shapes and sets of objects.

Measure: We will recognise and use the symbols \pounds and p to record amounts of money, find different combinations of coins that equal the same amount.

Geometry: we will identify and describe the properties of 3D shapes including edges, vertices and faces.

Art/DT

Through our topic on toys we will draw on our

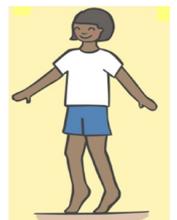
investigation of puppets to create our own design. We will consider the materials needed to produce our own puppet and evaluate our end product.

Watch a clip on making puppets: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z99wmp3>



PE

This half term we will be working on Gymnastics. We will be learning a variety of balances and rolls and looking at how to link our movements together to create a sequence. Please ensure your child keeps shorts, t-shirt and sandshoes in their PE bag in school as PE days can sometimes change.



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