



Plumcroft Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Autumn term! We hope you have all had a restful break; we are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Literacy:

Our topic this term is called 'Toys'. We will be using a variety of fiction texts as our stimulus: *Benjamin Boo*, *Brown Paper Bear*, *Here Comes Traction Man* and *Toys in Space*. The children will be writing labels and captions, story writing and producing instructions and information pages related to these books and to toys they've looked at or made.

Topic:

Our topic will be linked to the books we are reading and using in our literacy lessons. In **art** we will be making junk model aliens and 'cuddly' alien toys. In **science** we will be looking at materials that float and sink; we will be discovering the best materials to use for a mini parachute; we will also be looking at friction and gravity. In **history** the children will be finding out how the materials used in toys have changed over time; the children will also make old fashioned peg dolls (with a super hero twist!) and thread spinners. We will be taking part in a toy workshop where the children will have the opportunities to play with Victorian and Edwardian toys.

Maths:

This term the children will be consolidating the core number concepts learned in Reception. This includes counting on from any number, finding one more or one less than a number to 20 and solving one-step addition and subtraction questions. We will also begin learn how to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 (we will use counting songs from YouTube).

2s: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykAhScPdFNq>

5s: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FaBDqOmiyI>

10s: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gmEe0-ex8>

We will continue to learn about - and explore - shapes. The children will revise the names and properties of common 2D shapes; they will also learn about 3D shapes and their properties. In addition the children will learn how to describe direction, movement and position.

PE:

Your child will need to wear the following kit which should be kept in school throughout this half term: light blue t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls or trainers. The t-shirt will be provided by the school.

PE days are as follows:

1N - Wednesday morning

1GW - Thursday afternoon

1A - Friday morning

Home reading books will be changed on your child's PE day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nawrot, Miss Allen, Mrs Glaister and Miss Watson.