



Autumn 2

China Class

How you can help us with our learning:

- Reading daily and asking simple questions about what they have read to check their understanding.
- Practise their spellings each week - these will always be linked to the sounds and tricky words we have focused on during the week
- Support your child to complete their homework by providing a quiet, calm space and helping them to read the instructions

Please make sure you check Seesaw regularly so that you can see all the wonderful examples of your child's work especially their independent learning in our continuous provision.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Toy Story' with a focus on historical skills. We will be looking at toys beginning with the children's own and then looking at toys which were popular in the past. We will focus on the materials they were made from and how they work. We will sort toys onto a historical timeline and discuss how toys have changed over time e.g. dolls, cars and teddies bears. We will be designing and making our own peg dolls and puppets. We will then visit Bank Field museum to look at their exhibition of toys and enjoy a workshop. During our dance sessions, we will be learning ballet skills linked to the 'Nutcracker' story ready for our Christmas performance.



Our English focus:

We will be reading Pinocchio and watching clips from the Disney film. We will be re-telling and sequencing the story. We will learn how to use adjectives to write a description of Pinocchio and we will be writing instructions to make a magic potion with the Blue Fairy.

Our Maths focus:

Our focus will be addition and subtraction this half term building on our place value knowledge. We will be adding one and two digit numbers to 20. We will also start to count in twos, fives and tens.

Our Science focus:

Our focus this half term is materials. We will learn the difference between an object and the material from which it is made. We will name and look at the properties of materials and compare materials on the basis of their physical properties relating to our toy topic.

Key information

Homework is given out on Friday and due back Thursday at the latest. It is your child's responsibility to bring it home in their book bag and hand it in every week. Spellings are given out on Friday and tested the following Friday. PE is every Thursday and your child must have a PE kit in school... Please remember to take your child's kit home to wash at the end of the half term. Reading books will be changed twice a week as long as your child has read at home and you've completed the home record. Please ensure they have their book bag with them every day so they can read to the adults in school.