



## KS1 Newsletter 3 2017

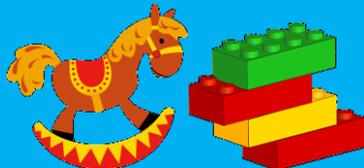
Firstly- THANK YOU! From all of the KS1 staff to all of you that kindly sent us cards, gifts or kind messages.

Secondly we hope that you all had a great Christmas and that you are all ready for the start of a new term. As always we have lots to fit into the 5 weeks and 3 days therefore please keep this newsletter safe as you may need to refer to information on it during the term.

### Toy Topic

Our first topic of 2017 is one of our favourite topics- TOYS! The children get to think about the toys they play with currently and about how toys have changed over the years. Do they play with the same toys that you did as a child? What about their grandparents' toys? The children will be carrying out research and sharing their findings.

This topic will also help the children to develop their knowledge and understanding of materials and other scientific concepts.



### Important Reminders

PE: It will be lovely to see nice, clean PE kits at the start of our new term! Please remember that we do go out in the cold for outdoor PE therefore it is essential that your child has his/her full kit in school. This includes trainers (which he/she can fasten independently) navy jogging trousers and a navy fleece/jumper as per the school uniform. As always, long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Library: Please remember to return any library books borrowed. If your child enjoys a particular book, they can always borrow the same book again.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child's water bottle is labelled as last term quite a few were not labelled which caused upset for the children. Thank you for your support with this.

### English

In English this term we will be writing about what we had for Christmas, focus on instructional writing, stories and maybe even develop our own toy information sheets...

We focus on guided reading in class, where the children read in small groups. We develop strategies for reading new words, develop expression, fluency and recognition of words. We also discuss characters, events and make predictions about what might happen.

### Home Reading

At parents evening we shared a copy of the reading expectations with you. Many parents have commented that these have been really helpful in helping to move their child on. If you have lost your copy or would like another copy please let your child's class teacher know and we will pass a copy on to you.

It is amazing what 5-10 minutes of 1:1 reading at home can do. Please remember to read other materials too such as magazines to extend your child's ability to read for fun.

## Homework

We will continue to send homework sheets home every other Friday- 1 English, 1 Maths and 1 Topic based. Please remember to stick the completed sheet into the homework book as this helps your child not to lose their precious work they have completed. Lots of house points are being given out for attempting homework.

This term we will also be sending some additional phonic activities to some Year 1 children in preparation for their phonics screening check.

## Phonics Screening Check

In June the Year 1 and some Year 2 children will complete their formal phonics screening check. At Scargill we are proactive in supporting our children and therefore look into ways of helping to get the best from our wonderful children. So far we have been sending the buried treasure home for the children to sound out, blend then read the words. We will continue to send buried treasure (with Year 2 children spelling their words) Please ensure that it is your child that sounds the words out for example when the following word is picked up 'root' your child should say 'r/oo/t...root'.

Over the next few weeks we will be carrying out the first practice check to see how the children will achieve. This will help us to plan our next steps for each child. If you'd like to know more please let Miss Clutterbuck know and we may hold a short informal meeting to share more.

## Maths

This term the following will be covered:

1	Number and place value
2	Addition and subtraction
3	Measurement: Mass
4	Geometry
5	Measurement: Money
6	Multiplication and division

As with the reading expectations, please refer to the Maths expectations for the end of the year.

## Year 2 Residential: Lea Green

For the past couple of years the Year 2 children have been invited to stay overnight at Lea Green, along with members of staff. This year the trip will take place Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

More information about this trip will be released soon, so keep an eye out for text messages and updates on the school website.

It is an exciting trip which Mrs Hanson and Miss Marshall Clarke are going to miss this year! Our wonderful Year 3 children will come to speak to our amazing Year 2 children to share their experiences.

If you would like any more information about anything mentioned in our newsletter, or if you would like to know anything else about life in Year 1/2 please write a message to your child's class teacher, or arrange to meet with any one of the team.

Thank you once again for your support and encouragement as the children move into their third term in Year 1/ Year 2.

Key Stage 1 Team